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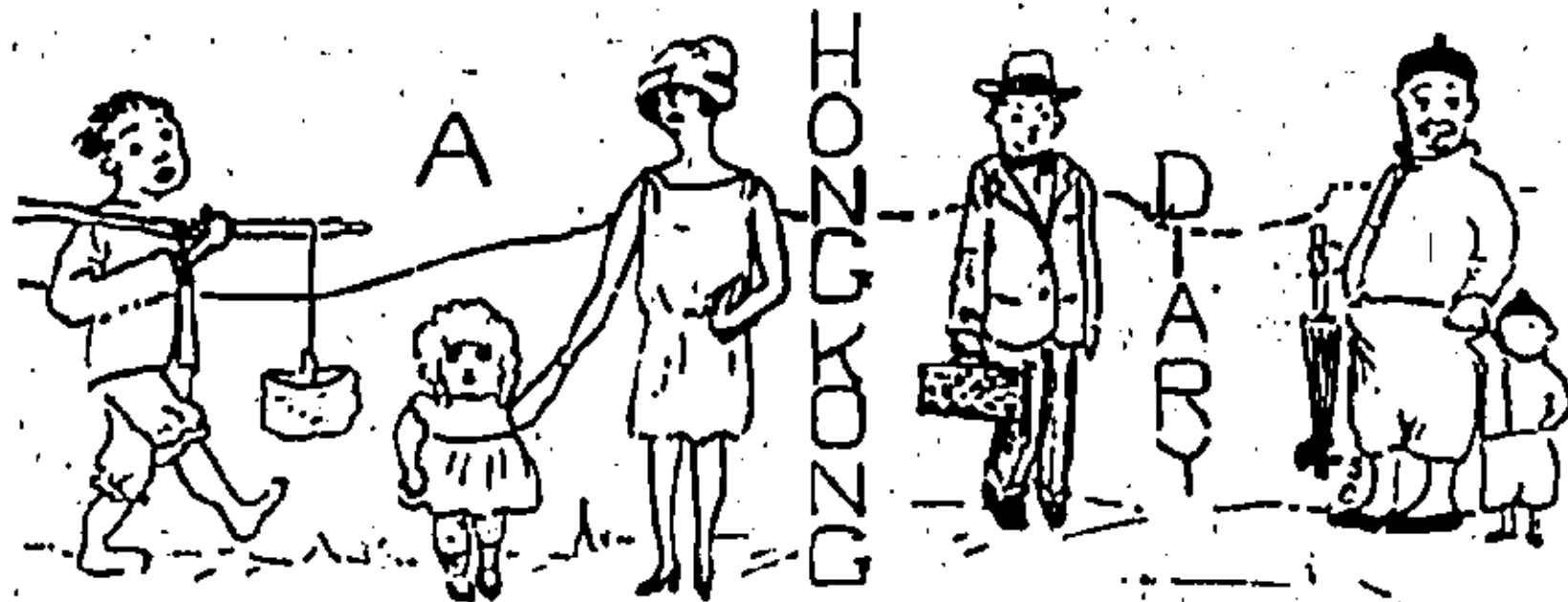
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Monday:—We Want a Cat Which Can Catch Rats.
Tuesday:—Nathan Road Noises, With Picture of One.
Wednesday:—Raising the Wind for the Kiddies.
Thursday:—The Wife Gets Strange Ideas, Perhaps With Reason.
Friday:—The Man who Potters A bout—Sketched Doing It.
Saturday:—New War Thoughts—Kalgan and Fur Friends.

The past week has seen the Colony agog with excitement over the visit of the official head of another Colony, to wit, Macao, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de

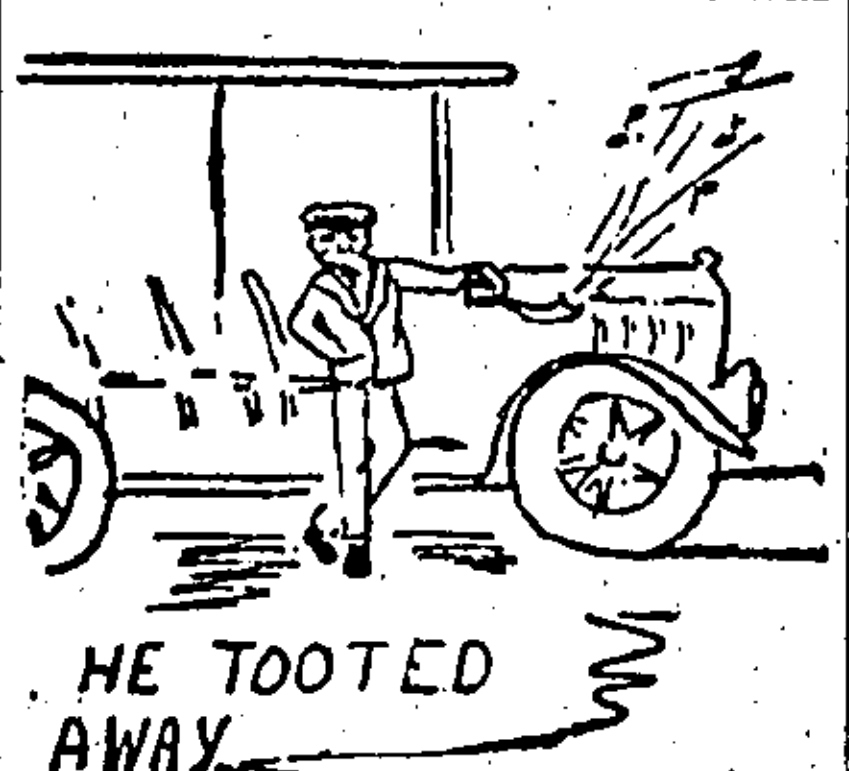


Souza Barbosa, who rules the destinies of that piece of the Portuguese Empire just south of us, must have had a splendid—and exacting—time, what with all the receptions he had to attend and all the things his compatriots in Hong Kong, as well as the British here, had to show him. Still, he certainly looked strong enough to cope with a round of festivities, and is indeed a fine specimen of a man. This is his second spell as Governor, friend Braga tells me, and it seems that he is holding the job down to the satisfaction of all who count—which must be saying a lot, for the task of administration in an Empire outpost is not, I imagine, any sinecure. Colonial officials, I have always thought, get less for their pains than other Civil Servants. For our own men who may be said to have succeeded there is, perhaps, a knighthood towards the end of a busy life spent in moving from one island or bit of foreign soil to another, together with plenty of kicks and a wonderfully large number of opportunities of becoming the "goat" for somebody else's mistakes. Here's hoping, however, that Senhor Barbosa has a most successful trusteeship of Macao and that we may see him amongst us from time to time. I hear that the party, which included Madame Barbosa (a charming lady with distinct literary and poetical gifts) and their daughter, went away very favourably impressed by our 'ickie island and fully appreciative of the warmth of the respective welcomes accorded by Portuguese, British and Chinese here. Viva!

Now we want a cat. Monday. That pup we have is a fine little fellow but he can't catch rats. I do not believe he has seen one yet, but the wife seems to think that he never will be able to snaffle 'em. So we must have a cat. We do not mind the breed, size—or very much—the colour, so long as it is or will be a dandy rat catcher. If one is left at the office I undertake to return the basket. Talking of those rats, we have one old rascal who spends his time between the bathroom and the kitchen. There is a gully between the two which provides him with a private entrance. That's the one we want to nab most of all, for if anyone is in the kitchen it's a safe bet that the rat is in the bathroom, which makes it rather awkward at times, the wife not liking rats.

There are many nice ways, I suppose, of spending a Sunday. Last week-end I thought I would try an old-fashioned one. Left to my own devices, from tiffin time onwards, the wife having taken herself off somewhere or other, I planned a nice quiet read followed by a snooze on the sofa.

which characterises, in effect, our back verandah, in which are collected, and heaved, all the masculine-looking effects about the house. Alas, the best laid plans and all the rest of it. Having settled myself, there came through the open window the strains of a pianoforte solo. Well strained, in fact. The player was a girl, because every now and then she'd branch into a vocal melody of her own making. I didn't mind the first one, though it was pretty bad, but unfortunately she went from one to another, from bad to worse in fact. Her tunes were classical ones, and in my mental agony I pictured what sort of a girl it was strumming that darn piano. She was the pampered daughter of parents with more money than sense, possessing not the slightest idea of music, time or rhythm. She has slavishly learned by heart a large number of classical airs and has got into the way of turning them on ad lib when called upon or when she feels like it. Some rogue of a music teacher has been taking money under false pretences from that poor girl's parents for years. Totally disgusted with the loss of a quiet afternoon, I took myself as far from the noise as possible, which was to the front verandah. The whole street in the vicinity was thick with petrol vapour. Right opposite our front door was



a broken down motor bus, the driver of which was accelerating like fury in an effort to get the thing to go. A lovely din. Eventually he got tired and departed, presumably to fetch a mechanic from the garage, leaving the vehicle, one of the old fashioned ramshackle type, in charge of the conductor. This youth evidently did not like being left alone, so for company's sake he commenced to play tunes on the motor horn. This pastime he kept up until the driver's return. If I had been properly dressed I would have gone down and socked him. Anyhow, I trust this jolting comes to the notice of his employers, and that he is duly reprimanded.

My paper tells me this afternoon that last Saturday's affair at Lee Garden should net the M. C. L. a profit of at least \$10,000. In a way, this is very good going, though promoters of such schemes have no right ever to feel satisfied with financial results. The wife and I went to the Fair between six and eight on Saturday evening. Things were then very quiet. A few youths were occupied at the cokenut shies, and some little girls were enjoying donkey rides, the animals being in charge of burly sailor lads. The show lacked life. The ladies behind the stalls, no doubt by that hour tired of sitting in a confined space, were listless, poor dears, and did not seem to care whether anyone bought anything or not. This and other observations lead me to suppose that more money might have been collected if the affair had been more "peppy." Of course, in direct counter-action to anything suggestive of "pep" we have the Hong Kong Outlook, not to mention the Hong Kong Shrug; and if it had become known that efforts were to be made to send the show off with a swing, maybe many of

EXTRADITION LAW.

New Code For Chinese Fugitives.

GOVERNOR'S POWERS.

"Subject of China" And Other Terms Defined.

A Bill will be introduced at the meeting of the Hong Kong Legislative Council on October 13 to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance of 1889.

As the law stands at present, a requisition for the extradition of fugitive criminal who is a subject of China, is required to be made by "some officer of the Chinese Government," and a fugitive criminal cannot be surrendered unless a certain engagement is given by the "Chinese Government."

The "Chinese Government" is defined as including the Viceroy or other officer administering a Provincial Government. Doubt has arisen as to the applicability of this phrase to the present government of the province of Kwangtung, as it might be argued that a provincial government which does not admit the authority of the central government which was contemplated by the Ordinance is not a provincial government within the meaning of the Ordinance. It is therefore considered advisable to amend the Ordinance so as to remove the above doubt.

Accordingly, the bill substitutes the term "Chinese authority" for the term "Chinese Government" throughout. This term means "any person declared by the Governor to be or to represent the person or persons actually exercising authority in any province or other territory which, in the opinion of the Governor, forms or at any time has formed part of the Republic of China."

The persons who may be surrendered under the principal Ordinance are "any subject of China accused of an extradition crime committed within the jurisdiction of China or on board a Chinese ship on the high seas." The present constitutional condition of China makes it necessary to define the term of "jurisdiction of China." This is done by paragraph (b) of clause 2 of the bill which defines the term in question as including the jurisdiction of any Chinese authority as defined above.

"SAN NAM HOI."

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NEW CREW FROM CANTON?

The s.s. "San Nam Hoi," which lost her crew at Kongmoon owing to the action of the Chinese Seamen's Union, and which subsequently grounded twice on her way down to Hong Kong with a scratch crew, arrived here yesterday and is lying off Shamshuipo.

It is thought that a new crew may be sent down to the ship by arrangement with the Canton Seamen's Union and that the steamer will be on the run again by Monday.

WHY THE WAR.

Latest China Clash Explained.

BALANCE OF POWER IN NORTH.

Weaker Side Making Rapid Progress.

(By "The Mailman.")

In nearly every material respect Fengtien is superior to Shansi in the latest war in China, yet Shansi has made comparatively rapid progress since hostilities began.

Fengtien is really the name of one of the three provinces of Manchuria which Marshal Chang

SPORTS CARTOONS.

Stan Hill commences a series of Sporting Cartoons this week. The first appears in the Sports Page to-day.

Tso-liu rules absolutely. His organisation of government, based principally on his army, is known as the Ankuochun, of which he is Generalissimo.

Accordingly, the present struggle is between the Ankuochun and somebody else. That is why the term "Ankuochun" is sometimes used. Then "Mukden" also appears in the cables. Mukden, in the north-east corner of the map, is the capital of Manchuria and Chang Tso-liu's stronghold. The present seat of the Ankuochun Government is, of course, Peking, in the north-centre, Tientsin being considered as the port.

Traditional Enemies. Opposed to the Ankuochun is the army under General Yen Hsi-shan, known as the "model governor" of Shansi province.

Yen Hsi-shan is the one province of Shansi. Chang Tso-liu holds Chihli and Shantung provinces in addition to his vast territory in Manchuria. The northern portion of Kwangsu province (not shown in the map) also belongs to the Fengtien Party.

The provinces of Honan and Shensi have also to be counted. These are under Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang who is best known as the "Christian general."

Chang Tso-liu and Feng Yu-hsiang have been traditional enemies if, for no other reason than that they are the leaders of the two most powerful bodies in North China.

Buffer State.

It will be readily seen that Shansi serves as a buffer state between Chihli and Honan-Shensi.

To facilitate an attack on the "Christian general," Fengtien needs the help of Shansi. A Shansi army could strike a mortal blow at the "Christian general's" flank in Honan, cutting off retreat into Shensi; if a Fengtien expedition entered Honan from Chihli at the same time.

For months the Fengtien leaders have cajoled and pleaded with Yen Hsi-shan to throw in his weight against the "Christian general."

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WAR SPREADING.

The "Christian General" Mobilising.

SHANSI CONTINUES OFFENSIVE.

Thrust on New Sector Against Fengtien.

War in North China is spreading to larger areas.

In between the northern and southern sectors of the Chihli front, General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi is to launch an offensive against the Peking-Hankow Railway. His plan is to follow a branch line of the Railway to a point north of Paoingfu and the junction with the main line (Shansi's objective on this new sector) is only 70 miles from Peking.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian general") is reported to be mobilising and marching westwards in the north of Honan to join the fray.

A Naval wireless message (given below) shows that the Northern army in Shantung (loyal to Fengtien) is retiring northwards along the railway from the Yangtze to Tientsin. This is probably due to the threat of the "Christian general."

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CHINESE GRATITUDE.

SOLDIERS RAID HOSPITAL AT SWATOW.

SAILORS TAKE CHARGE.

Swatow, Yesterday. The humanitarian action of the English Presbyterian Mission in taking into their hospital Cantonese wounded soldiers, casualties in the fighting with the Communists who were formerly in occupation of Swatow, has resulted in trouble which necessitated the landing of a naval guard of Blue-jackets.

Yesterday, the Chinese military entered the Mission Hospital, tied up the Chinese assistant and threatened the Doctor with revolvers.

The excuse offered for this outrage was that they were not satisfied with the arrangements made for the wounded soldiers admitted to the hospital and they demanded that the hospital should be run according to their orders.

Naval Guard. The Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital reported the matter to the Captain of the s.s. "Wild Swan," the British destroyer which was lying off the port, and a platoon of naval ratings was at once landed to guard the hospital compound and prevent any attempts at further interference.

The British Consul here has informed the Chinese authorities that the armed guard will be retained in occupation of the hospital until such time as a satisfactory assurance has been given on behalf of the Chinese military and civil officials that armed soldiery will not again enter the Hospital Compound and that no attempt will be made by the Chinese authorities to interfere with the usual hospital routine.

The situation is otherwise normal.—British Naval Wireless.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

BY "THE MAILMAN."

Says Peter, the wife's taken such a fancy to his new tie that she wants to make a dress out of it.

As the representative of the Celtic bards and the chief purveyor of flowery phrases, Mr. Lloyd George will be frightfully annoyed by Mr. Baldwin's reference to harps and weeping willows.

To-day: Bobbed hair, bobbed skirts, bobbed brains.

The European Y.M.C.A. has invited the Helena May to participate in a debate. But isn't this just what the married members joined the Y.M. to avoid?

A Queen's Theatre advertisement in the "Telegraph": "The amusing story of a wealthy man who pored as a waiter to win the love of a grand duchess," to which is added: "From the French." It's certainly not English.

By means of a crystal a yogi in a local film rights a wrong he committed in a previous incarnation. A valve set would have cost more.

Talk of reincarnation, some contending scribes, by reason of the session for scissors, must have been barbers or tailors when they were here before.

Who said a journalist's life in Hong Kong is all write.

The Votes For Girls' problem seems to be a "ticklish" question, says a Home newspaper. If the problem arose in China, it would probably be amicably settled by "squeeze."

The way candidates are being killed off in Mexico seems to assure another term of office for President Calles.

England, according to Mr. Albert Coates, is artistically, 50 years behind the Russia of to-day. Not quite Reddy, in fact.

That scenario expert who was killed in New York could evidently write stories better than he could jump 'em.

For real gunning Chicago has nothing on Mexico these days.

Liberal M.P.'s flew to Germany whilst the Conservative and Labour Parties discussed political programmes. Still in the air, those Liberals.

Mr. Claxton and Old Moore will have to look to their laurels. The "Telegraph" informs us that the rainfall for October amounted to 6.59 inches, that rain fell on 19 days of the month and that the heaviest fall of the month was on the 19th, when 1.83 inches were recorded!

There wasn't any need for the local correspondent who complained that the M. C. L. Pete charges were insufficient to sign as a Bachelor.

Speaker at local debate: "The female is the more deadly of the species."—Presumably he is referring to mosquitoes.

Are girls fit, asks a local paper, at the age of twenty-one? Fit for most things.

Some people's idea of a trade revival is to "bank" pretty heavily on someone else.

Another idea appears to be a return to the crisis conditions of 1925.

If talky-talky and recrimination could replace performance, Hong Kong would be in the middle of a gigantic trade boom.

If our paper ladies are fair specimens, the taste of the policemen brought up for squeaking hawkers can't be admired.

November 11, says the "China Mail" is the one day of the year upon which all Britons should open their purse strings as widely as possible. Shroffs don't agree.

Despite all this talk of fighting we "shan't see" much.

Says Peter, there's a lot in that Chinese proverb about never trusting a squint-eyed man.

Mr. Baldwin refuses to hang his harp on a weeping willow. Afraid of Mr. Lloyd George running off with it?

Peking, under the stress of war, is said to be losing its diplomatic calm. Perhaps some of the tradesmen will now get something on account.

The rumour that a monole was distinctly seen to fall to the pavement in Hatamen Street the other day has not been confirmed.

Your auto to the races this afternoon must keep to a certain route. Trams back will run along the usual lines.

One aeronautic wag was heard to observe that the miraculous speed put up by the winning birdman in Italy is Schneider a victory nor a record.

Apologies the Telephone Co.'s interim dividend, subscribers have been known to be hung up before the receiver.

"Road pests in the Colony"—according to the Police, usually includes Chinese boys playing soccer with tennis balls or milk tins.

"I'm just taking a few notes during the game," said the pick-pocket who was arrested at last Saturday's star football match.

Is Hong Kong decaying? All rot!

The white lines at Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central may now be regarded as traffictraces.

"New war in North"—but it's more than a storm in a teacup this time.

Monday's great news—H.K. St. Leger accounts and cash sweep results.

An American millionaire recently paid \$200,000 for a bust. The usual rate in Hong Kong is \$10 or bound over for a spell.

The latest song hit at Bias Bay: "Somebody wants me."

Considering what is paid for literary efforts these days, it doesn't matter much whether you break or merely shake a spear.

A doctor says that kissing is unhealthy. Rosie, she says she's never been sick.

Says Peter, half the world may not know how the other half lives, but it isn't for the want of trying.

A pretty girl likes to be told she is intelligent, and an intelligent that she is pretty.

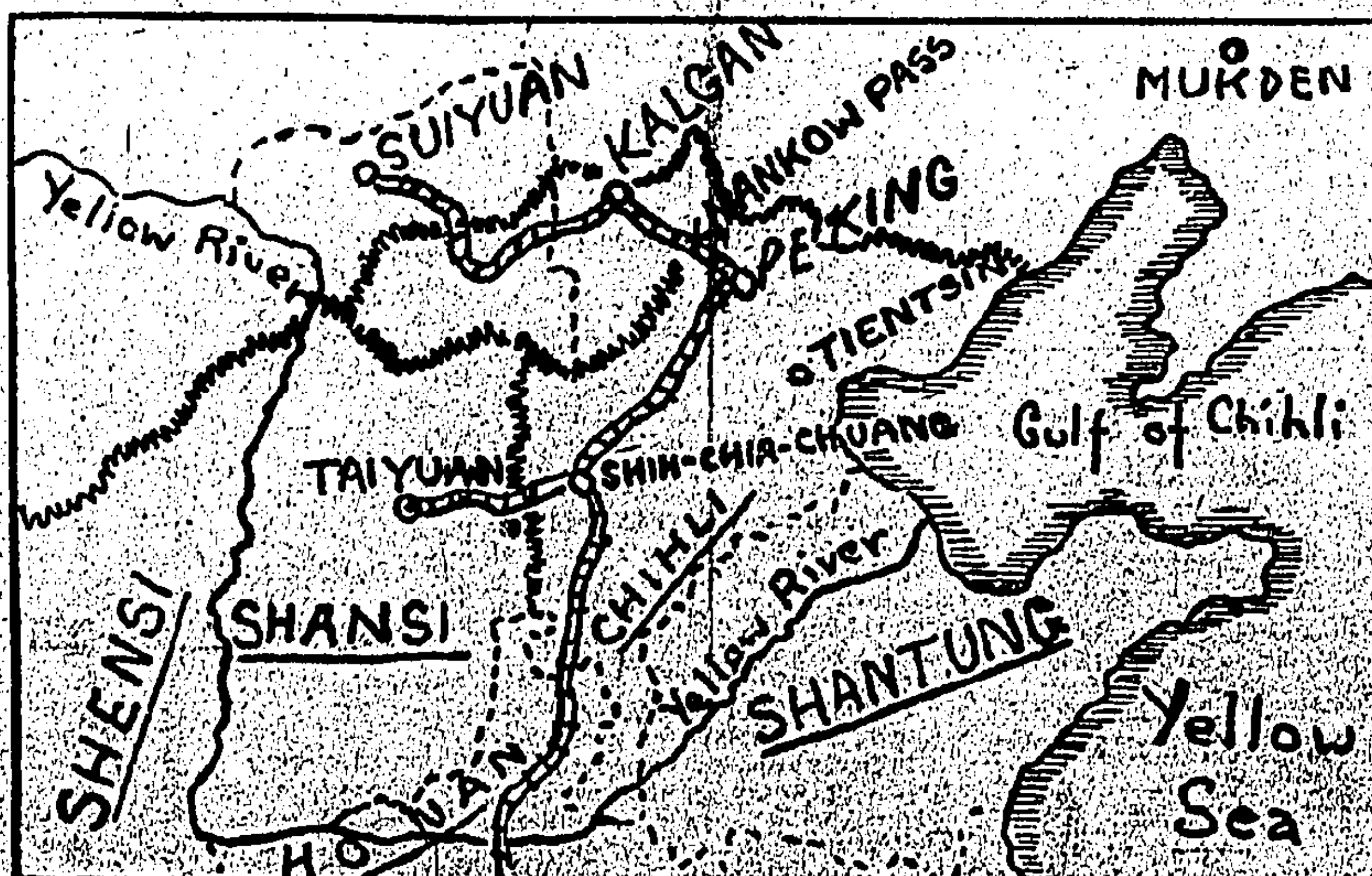
Mr. F. W. Roberts at the Conservative conference stated that "by hook or by crook" the country would be saved from Communism. Certainly not by Cook.

The "anti-Hong Kong" strikers at Canton want to take their own census. Better if they took their hook.

Says Peter, when you see a photograph of a man with his hat on you know what has happened to his hair.

Many a man gets a reputation for being good natured when he's just too timid to stand up for his rights.

Highway calls "silly."



ROUGH SKETCH MAP SHOWING CHINA'S LATEST WAR ZONE. Names of provinces are underlined. The "war" lines are to indicate the Great Wall, extending for hundreds of miles in the northeast of China and built thousands of years ago. The line railways operated in the campaign are denoted by the double lines. "Haidian" formation, a European border, other than those formed by the Yellow River or the Great Wall are shown in lines of dashes.

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Hong Kong, 8th October, 1927.

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(Particulars from Catalogue).

On View from Saturday, the 8th October, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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NOTICE.

ON MONDAY, the 10th October, 1927, all Departments will be CLOSED.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 7th October, 1927.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 10th instant.

Hong Kong, 6th October, 1927.

MACAO RACES.

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

Saturday 15th October and Sunday, 16th October, 1927 (weather permitting).

First Saddle Bell Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday, 1.15 p.m.

Entrance to Public Enclosure 40 cts.

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By Order, S. W. CHENG, Secretary.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry

Forms of the FOURTH

EXTRA RACE MEETING to be

held on 15th and 16th October,

1927, can be obtained upon application to The International Race and Recreation Club of Macao Ltd., Hong Kong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hong Kong.

Entries will close on FRIDAY, 7th October, at 8 p.m.

3rd October, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE

MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley

on SATURDAY, 8th October and MONDAY, 10th October, 1927,

commencing at 2.45 p.m. on both days. The first bell will be rung at 2.15 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each per day up to Friday, 7th October, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

Hong Kong, 1st October, 1927.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED have This

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ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, HONG KONG.

NOTICE IS GIVEN to Members that the Society will be "AT HOME" to Scottish Regiments at Happy Valley on WEDNESDAY, 12th October from 2 p.m. It is hoped that all Members and their families will endeavour to be present.

E. M. BRYDEN,
Joint Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th October, 1927.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MESSRS. RAVEN AND BASTO

Architects, Surveyors and Engineers

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NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 22nd day of October, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th OCTOBER to the 22nd OCTOBER, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th October, 1927.

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OUTSPOKEN JUSTICE.

BAR EXAMS. FULL OF DIRTY PRACTICES.

Mr. Justice George A. Malcolm of the Supreme Court proposed the extension of the law course from four to five years for working students and the conversion of the law college of the University of the Philippines into a strictly day school with instruction given by full-time, non-practising professors, in a speech delivered at the open session of the Junior Philippine Senate of the college of law, University of the Philippines.

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SURVIVORS ON "LINAN."

When the Butterfield and Swire s.s. "Linan" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Canton she bore the survivors from a towboat with which the steamer collided near Saishan, on the downward voyage. Seventeen men were taken off and with two who were left behind in a dinghy to mark the position of the foundered towboat, these constitute the whole of the crew on board at the time.

The towboat, which was the "Tai Hing," running between Hong Kong and Shekai, is stated to have had no lights at the time and to be lying at anchor in view of unfavourable weather.

One of the survivors who was injured in the collision was taken to hospital on arrival in Hong Kong.

A GREAT PARTNERSHIP.

On August 27, 1870, was begun that great partnership between the White Star Line and Messrs. Harland and Wolff, when the famous "Oceanic," an iron four-masted barque, of 3,707 tons, and the company's first steamer, was launched at Belfast. She was one of the first ships of the type that her builders later perfected, but at that time they were not capable of constructing such powerful machinery, and accordingly her engines were supplied by the Thames. The original intention had been for her to run on the Australian trade, for which purpose the Oceanic Steamship Company had bought the name and house flag of the White Star Line, but instead she was placed on the New York run. Her design differed radically from that of her predecessors in that she was long and narrow, and had her first-class accommodation amidships instead of aft, as it had been in the old sailing ships, and as it had been still kept in spite of the discomfort of the screw. Her engines were built on novel lines, four-cylinders compound and arranged so that each pair of cylinders formed a complete engine in case of accidents. Among the installations which previously had not been put on board ships were electric fans and bells, running water and an efficient ventilation system. After a few voyages she was rather radically altered; her top weight was reduced by cutting down her masts, two more boilers were installed, and various alterations were made in the saloon and state-rooms, while extra seaworthiness was ensured by the addition of a turtle back forward. In 1895 it was intended to re-engine her and bring her up to date, but after being surveyed it was decided that it would be more expensive than she was worth, and accordingly she was sold and broken up on the Thames in 1896. The partnership between Liverpool and Belfast has ever since been maintained.—"Liverpool Journal of Commerce."

CLYDE SHIPBUILDING

LAUNCHING OF 37,695 TONS DURING AUGUST.

During the month of August, Clyde shipbuilders launched 17 vessels of 37,695 tons, as compared with 20 vessels of 20,809 tons in July and 28 of 40,465 tons in June. The total for the eight months consists of 187 vessels of 203,175 tons as compared with 100 vessels of 203,149 tons in the corresponding period of last year, 153 vessels of 339,731 tons in the first eight months of 1926, and 142 vessels of 440,174 tons is the best corresponding period on record, that of 1920.

The launches included one vessel of 7,000 tons, three between 5,000 and 6,000 tons, seven between 100 and 900 tons, and three under 100 tons.

More tonnage is under construction on the Clyde than for several years past, and a fair amount of employment is assured in the yards during the winter and the early spring. Builders are, however, finding it difficult to secure new contracts, and the tendency is in the direction of a reduction in the amount of work on hand, if not the amount on the stocks.

NEW WHITE STAR LINER.

The new White Star triple-screw steamer "Laurentic," 18,700 tons is now rapidly approaching completion in the Belfast yard of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd. She has been built for the company's Canadian service from Liverpool, and will have accommodation for 1,600 passengers, cabin, tourist third cabin, and third class.

Before commencing her sailings to Canada the "Laurentic" will make two trips from Liverpool to New York, starting on her maiden voyage on Saturday, November 12. She will again leave the Mersey port on December 31, and on arrival at New York will be engaged in two pleasure cruises from that port to the Mediterranean, the first on January 16 and the second on March 6.

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A SHIP'S STABILITY.**MASTER'S ALLEGATIONS WITHDRAWN.**

Captain Basilio Manigbas, until recently skipper on the steamship "Masbate," and official of the Yangco Steamship Company, have smoked the peace-pipe and called off all existing differences. As a result, the case, scheduled for hearing before the board of marine officers of the bureau of customs in Manila was withdrawn following an agreement between counsel.

This bureau of customs proceeded with an investigation of the stability of the steamship "Masbate," following which William Baxter, chief of the hulls and boilers inspection division, submitted a report to the effect that the vessel was stable.

In the original charges made by Captain Manigbas, it was alleged that the "Masbate" lacked proper stability.

EFFICIENT CARGO STEAMERS.

The reference which was made to the Dutch cargo steamer "Borneo," now 500 lbs. pressure reciprocating engine must have given many readers food for serious thought. This vessel, of 3,300 indicated horse-power and 12 knots speed, is the first vessel propelled by a reciprocating engine to make use of steam at 500 lbs. per square inch pressure and superheated to a high degree. Originally she was an ordinary triple-expansion engine ship, but Messrs. Werkspoor, of Amsterdam, were given the job of converting her engines to use high-temperature steam at the very high pressure mentioned. No doubt the success which has attended the use of the Lentz poppet valve marine steam engine with high superheat impressed the designers of the altered engines for the Borneo, because double-heat poppet valves are used in this installation. The lubrication problem with highly superheated steam is thus appreciably simplified, because lubrication of the valve faces is not necessary with the mushroom poppet valve. It is well known that excessive lubrication has been at the seat of much of the trouble experienced in superheated steam jobs, carbon deposits forming in the port opening, around the piston rings, and in the superheater elements. The inside surfaces of the boilers are often covered with a surprisingly thick coating of oil, which hinders efficient heat transfer. The outside surfaces of condenser tubes are also affected in this way. Moreover, the hard particles which are carried over with the steam erode the valve faces, cylinder liners, and superheater element ends, a trouble which is best minimised by fitting efficient steam drivers and separators. When poppet valves are employed, the valve surfaces are minimised, and this fact, coupled with the elimination of valve lubrication and its possible attendant troubles, are probably the real reasons for the success which has attended the use of highly superheated steam in poppet valve marine engines, particularly, as we ("Journal of Commerce") have said when steam drivers are used.

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 2
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Dec. 7	Dec. 10	Dec. 13	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 23
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 20
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 10
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	Mar. 2
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 7	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 23
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 13

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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	SEATTLE MARU ... Tuesday, 25th October.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.	ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Saturday, 22nd October.
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MENADO MARU ... Tuesday, 25th October, 10 a.m.	NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
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ANDES MARU ... Friday, 14th October.	TACOMA MARU ... Saturday, 24th October.
MEIKO MARU ... Sunday, 30th October.	KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU ... Sunday, 8th October 11 a.m.	MENADO MARU ... Wednesday, 12th October, 10 a.m.
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LAHORE	5,282	6th Nov.	Marseilles & London
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MONGOLIA	16,604	26th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MANVIA	10,949	10th Dec.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,953	7th Jan.	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,165	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KASHGAR	9,005	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACE DONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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IRISH SHIPBUILDING.

LAUNCH OF THE KING
EDGAR.

There are few developments of any importance in the shipyards and, while the dearth of new orders is beginning to cause some little anxiety in regard to the position at Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., the general situation is distinctly good. While the past month was not spectacular in any sense—for there were no launches of completions of any importance—work on hand is progressing rapidly and unemployment is being steadily reduced.

The only launches during August were the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co.'s tanker "Brigida," from the North Yard of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, which is a shallow draft twin-screw vessel and sister-ship to the "Bertha," completed recently for the same owners; and six coal barges of 120 tons d.w. each built by Messrs. Workman Clark and Co. for Messrs. J. R. Noble. Three similar barges were launched for those owners by the Portadown Foundry, and three further barges, representing the completion of the order, will be launched and delivered during the present week by the same builders.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff launched the first of the nine King Line motorships on hand during last month—on the 15th ult.—when she was named the "King Edgar," and following this there will be considerable activity in launching until the end of the year, for subsequent vessels for the same order building in the South Yard are in a fairly advanced condition; while the Nelson Line motorships building in the East Yard are beginning to assume shape.

There has been a slight improvement in the ship-repairing situation and although the only large vessels on hand during the week ended September 1 have been the steamer "Inveravon" at the deep water wharf in the hands of Messrs. Harland and Wolff and the steamer "Bradhu" in the Hamilton Dock under repairs by Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., there will be more work coming along in the immediate future in this direction. The Lamport and Holt liner "Vandyck," built in Belfast and delivered in 1923, was due in mail week for survey, overhaul and repairs by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, and will provide considerable employment, while further large work of a similar nature is anticipated in the near future.

THE POWER OF THE RAM.

Fifty-two years ago there occurred in the Irish Sea a naval disaster, fortunately unattended by loss of life, which demonstrated very forcibly that the ram, provided it could be used in an action between capital ships, was a weapon of great potentialities. At noon on September 1, 1875, the four iron-clads "Warrior," "Hector," "Vanguard" and "Iron Duke," of the Channel Fleet, were steaming at some seven knots through a thick fog in the order named, but with a distance of a mile or more between "Hector" and "Vanguard." Into this gap there blundered a sailing vessel, to avoid which "Vanguard" sheered out of line. "Iron Duke" had also sheered, though needlessly, and in regaining her position, steamed squarely into "Vanguard's" port quarter, striking her, by an unlucky chance, on the thwartship bulkhead between engine and boiler rooms, and so laying both compartments open to the sea. With fires extinguished and no steam for the pumps, it seemed obvious that the ship was beyond saving, and her captain concentrated all his attention on the transfer of his men to the "Iron Duke," which was only slightly damaged. Half an hour after this was accomplished the "Vanguard" went down by the stern. The subsequent court-martial, however, dealt severely with the captain and several officers for their too-ready assumption that nothing could be done to save the ship, or at least to get her into shallower water before she sank; though other collisions between capital ships in later years certainly tended to confirm the captain's opinion. The apparent proof of the efficacy of the ram, although based on conditions bearing little resemblance to those of a naval battle, had their effect on the retention of this primitive weapon, various more or less bizarre forms of which graced the bows of British heavy warships until well into the present century. Gradually came the realization that it was of little use against an antagonist capable of manoeuvring; while against a ship without steering way it was unnecessary, increasing gunpower and longer fighting ranges strengthened the arguments in favour of its abolition; and although a ram bow was retained up to the time of the late war, being held to assist manoeuvring to some extent, it has now become almost entirely obsolete.

TOURIST SHIP.

SAMARIA, CANCELS VOYAGE
TO MANILA.

The tourist trade of the islands will suffer a set back this coming season as a result of the cancellation of the trip of the Samaria. A telegram was received by Walter E. Antrim, general manager of the Manila Hotel, from Raymond-Whitcomb, tour managers, cancelling all reservations.

The "Samaria" is one of the largest tourist boats which have been making stopovers at Manila. It brings from 400 to 450 tourists in one season. Reasons for the cancellation of the trip are not stated in the cable.

Fidel A. Reyes, director of commerce and industry, says the "Manila Times" is not calling at Manila this season. He said that this will naturally be felt by local merchants who usually make a good haul during the tourist season. The hat manufacturers and embroidery dealers will be worse hit, he rated.

Around 3,000 tourists visit the islands each year on the average, Mr. Reyes said. He is especially disappointed by the cancellation of the "Samaria" trip because his bureau has figured on bigger tourist parties next season and has consequently made preparations for taking care of them.

GERMAN SHIPBUILDING.

PROFESSOR HELANDER'S
VIEWS.

The longer life of a ship nowadays as compared with bygone years is attributed by Professor Helander, of Kiel University, to be one of the primary factors for the depression of the German shipbuilding industry, writes a special correspondent to the "Daily Telegraph." This point is of particular interest to our own shipbuilders, for, if there is anything in it, the same view must, of course, apply to the position in this country and elsewhere.

In any case the point is an interesting one, regarding which, indeed, our shipbuilders might perhaps be persuaded to express their opinions. Other points commented on by Professor Helander are: (1) The higher rate of interest in force in Germany than in other countries, thus causing owners to abstain from ordering new tonnage, as they can obtain good ships of, say, twenty years of age on a much smaller investment; and (2) the fact that the losses of the mercantile marine by accidents have much decreased.

He further points out as a reason for the decrease in shipbuilding, that the capacity of ships has increased as regards deadweight, speed at sea, and speed of loading and discharging in port, shipbuilders thus being the "victims" of this increased capacity and greater efficiency. German shipyards are, on the whole, therefore, meeting with considerable difficulty, which is aggravated by the fact that the post-war capacity of the yards is greater than that of pre-war days. It is pointed out, however, that an attempt has been made in Germany in the past year to counteract the influence of the unfavourable situation by concentration of shipyards, and by reorganisation of production. This, however, is regarded as a risky procedure for the shipbuilding trade of Germany as a whole.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" from Hong Kong, arrived London on October 6 at 3 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benleuch" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on October 10.

The B. I. & Apcar Line, s.s. "Santia" left Singapore for this port on October 6 at p.m., and is due here on October 12 at a.m.

The M.V. s.s. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 2, and is due here on or about October 12.

The m.v. "Romolo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Penang on October 3, and is due here on October 13.

The s.s. "Kendal Castle" (D. & Co.) arrived in Manila on October 4, and is expected here on October 14.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected to arrive in Hong Kong:—
S.S. "General Metzinger" October 11.
S.S. "St. Kiang" October 21.
S.S. "Sphinx" October 25.
S.S. "Fortius" November 9.
The s.s. "Venetia" (D. & Co.) sailed from Port Said on October 3, and is due here on November 10.
The s.s. "Lancaster" (Castle) (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on Sept. 22, and is expected here on November 15.

STANDARD OIL.

SEGREGATION OF SHIPPING
PLANNED.

Papers of incorporation for the Standard Shipping Co., which is to take the place of the present marine department of the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), have been filed at Dover, Del., it is announced. Robert L. Hague, manager of the marine department, it is understood, is to be the head of the new subsidiary. The statement issued by the company announcing the plan for the organisation of the subsidiary company said in part:

"Similar plans have been under discussion in recent months looking to the transfer of other activities from departments to separate companies. These plans are purely administrative in character and involve no change in the capital structure policies or personnel of the parent company. The growth of the business in the past decade, with the accompanying expansion of the organisation, has made obvious certain opportunities for more efficient direction through a realignment of the duties and responsibilities of the operating executives. A survey of the business was begun two years ago with a view to making the changes now begun."

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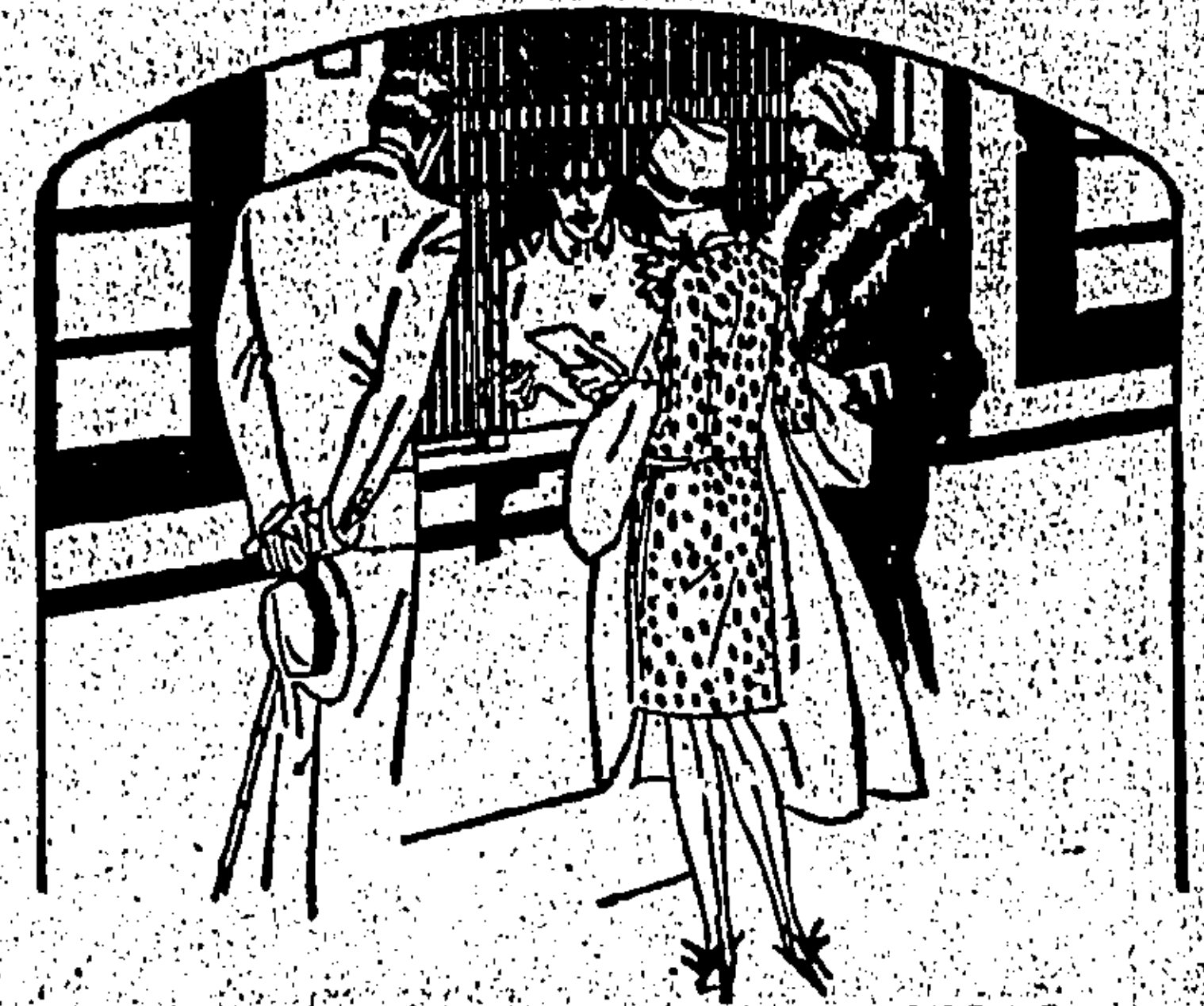
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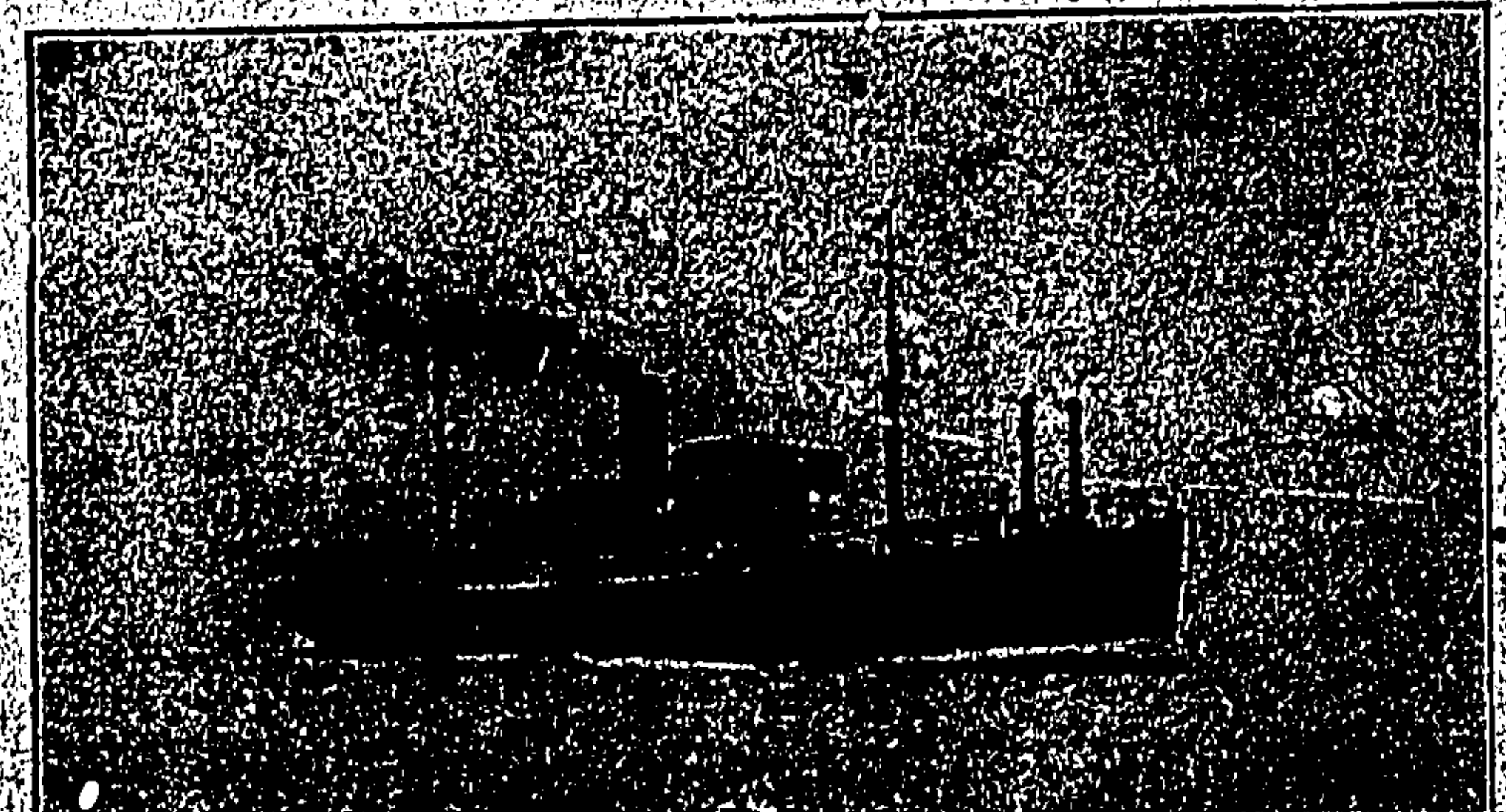
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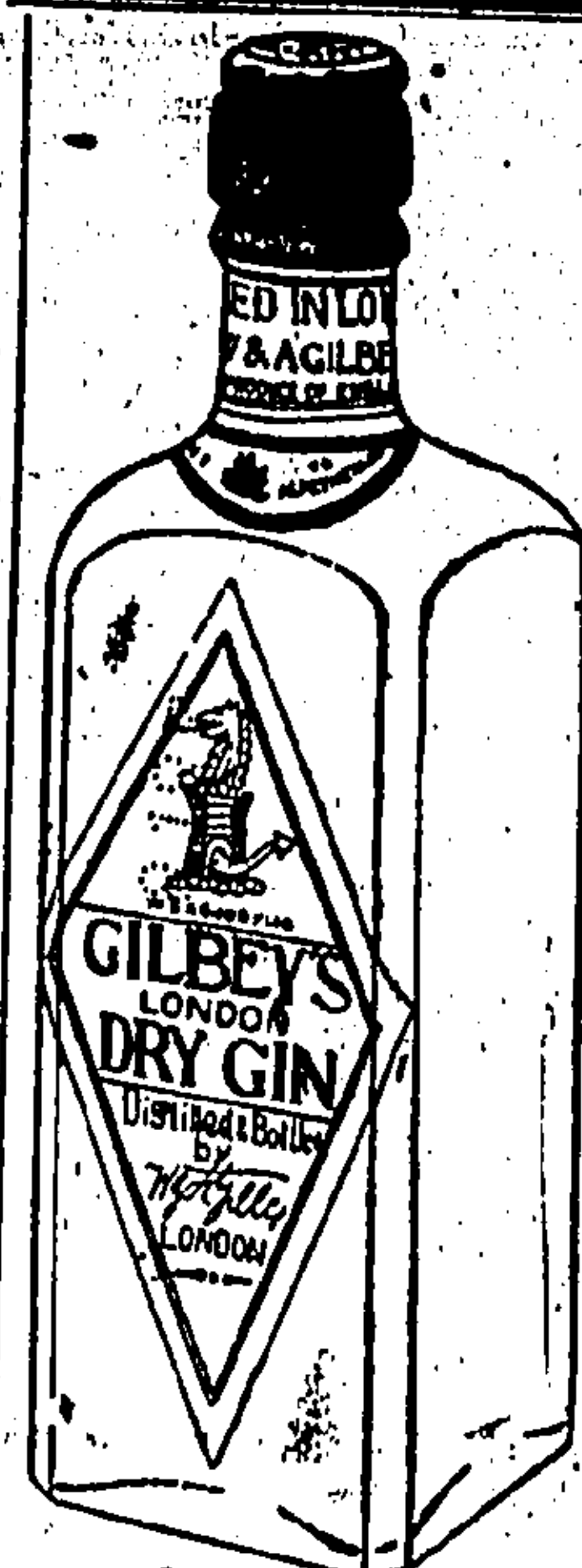
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CORRESPONDENCE.

TRADE FACILITIES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I should like to correct an erroneous statement in your editorial of the 6th instant on "Trade Facilities," not in a controversial spirit, but to set the public thinking aright a problem of such far-reaching importance as Trade Revival. While there may be difference of opinion as regards the question, but it would tend to mislead your readers when you said: "Surely Mr. Ho Yu is too shrewd to advocate a continuance of any policy that permitted trade to be bolstered by men of straw or allowed to be extended on greatly overvalued shares and properties?"

First it is altogether a false notion that a man of straw can expect any facility from the banks. If a man or a firm desires facilities from the banks, satisfactory securities or references must be furnished. The bank will then cause enquiries to be made with regard to the financial standing and integrity of the applicant. Not before the bank is fully convinced of the probability of the person will it grant the necessary facility. Thus it may be seen that a man of straw cannot meet such requirements and certainly cannot pass muster with the bank. As to the advances that are made on shares and properties, the banks should not look at the issue in the light of speculation, but from a more reasonable point of view, which is vital to the growth of the Colony in so far as supporting the local industries is concerned. Hong Kong, unlike her sister colonies, produces nothing of its own, except quarries. Whereas her sister Colonies have great undertakings such as tin, rubber, coconut. It is a natural course of things, then, for the people here, Chinese and foreigners alike to invest their monies in shares and properties. It does not follow that because a person has invested his money in shares that he is a speculator. Therefore, if such securities cannot be turned into money in time of need, these securities are almost valueless. Besides, the value of shares has practically reached rock-bottom since the strike and boycott of 1925, whilst the value of properties surely could not be expected to depreciate any further. Yet the banks will give advances against dividend-paying shares only, and non-dividend-paying shares are in the former case, advances are made for only 60 per cent. of the market value.

In the case of properties, they must be in a locality that will satisfy the bank and must be accompanied by a first class architect's valuation. Even then, they will obtain not more than 60 per cent. of the full face value against overdraft. In addition to these, still another precaution is taken by the banks to safeguard borrowers: that is to say the hypothecation which gives the lender full power to dispose of the securities, call up overdrafts or demand more margin, according to the discretion of the bank, when necessary arises.

The foregoing facts, and to indicate that the banks do not give "indeterminate credits" as readily as one would imagine in these days. Now let me comment briefly on the Native Banks. There is no doubt that they play an important part in the financing of trade of the Colony. The British or foreign merchants in Hong Kong have to depend on the Native Banks for advances, overdrafts, and so on. These banks are not so well equipped as the foreign banks, but they are the only ones who can give facilities to the local traders.

Many useful suggestions along these lines were made by the Royal Commission, practically all of which have been ignored. The most useful suggestion to which too little attention seems to have been given by the various opposition parties in framing their criticism of the Government's inactivity is that relating to the elimination of waste. A large proportion of the raw coal produced in Great Britain is consumed in a negligent and wasteful manner and vast quantities of fine coal produced in the course of ordinary mining operations are put to no use whatever. If such waste could be eliminated as it should be in the present stage of scientific knowledge as to the pre-treatment of coal to render possible the realisation of its full value, the present depression in the coal industry and its inevitable reflection in the general economic welfare of Britain could be considerably relieved. It is to be hoped that the Liberal or Labour parties will not lose sight of this aspect of the question in framing their policy during the coming session.

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bills, the banks are able to operate on exchange by way of covering. The Chinese merchants in the Nam Pak Hong's business district importing sugar, rice, flour, etc., have their bills drawn on them through the local foreign banks. Without the native banks, they cannot do such a big turnover as they would wish, because whenever occasion demands it, they can always look to the native banks for financial assistance. As regards the Chinese firms importing China produce from the hinterland, their dependence is upon the Chinese export dealers, who buy the goods and in turn sell to the foreign export firms.

The Piece Goods and Hardware dealers buying from the local foreign importers also have to rely on the native banks for financial aid, that is, whenever their goods are sold to customers in the interior, and at times their remittances may arrive too late for them to meet their obligations to foreign importers, they turn at once to the Native Banks for assistance. Although they have to depend on the foreign banks, yet it must not be forgotten that the Native Banks give an enormous trade to the foreign banks by way of buying from them various exchanges, Gold Bars, Bar Silver, Double Eagles, etc. At the same time the money changers sell foreign species and notes, brought in by ocean and coastal trading steamers, to the foreign banks.

It can clearly be observed, that the interests of the foreign and native banks, money changers as well as merchants, import and export dealers and Nam Pak Hong, etc., are all links in one chain. The leading British banks that hold the financial strings of the Colony are no more than a motor driver at his seat in control of the engine and everything else—they can set the machine going at their sweet will and pleasure.

Yours, etc.,
Ho Yu.

CINEMA NOTES.

"LOVE OF SUNYA" AT QUEEN'S TO-DAY.

TO-MORROW'S MUSICAL ITEMS.

The programme at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, as already announced, includes selections on the balalaika by M. Dimitry Dimoff, the expert player who visited Hong Kong last year with the Globe Trotters. The pieces which M. Dimoff will submit are Kreisler's "Caprice," Viennols' "Monti's 'Chardash'" and a Russian song. The feature film in to-morrow's programme is a capital farce called "Painting the Town," in which Patsy Ruth Miller and Glenn Tryon share the honours. An Aesop's Fable comedy, "Spooks," and a Gaumont graphic complete an excellent programme rounded off by the music of the Queen's Orchestra.

"The Song and Dance Man." Coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly is the film version of notable stage success, "The Song and Dance Man," with Tom Moore, Besse Love and Harrison Ford, at the head of the cast. The story deals with the adventures of an irrepressible vaudeville player who believes he is the best "song and dance man" in the world, and the settings are on a lavish scale, many of the scenes having been filmed in several of New York's biggest theatres, one with the entire chorus of George White's "Scandals" taking part.

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P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Everybody will come back from the Races laden with dollars.

A stranger came up to Sandy when he alighted at King's Cross. "You're John Fraser, I believe?"

"No!"

"But you were at St. Andrews?"

"No!"

"Don't you come from Aberdeen?"

"No!"

"Then you must have a double?"

"Aye! I don't mind."

A Scots farmer had agreed to deliver 20 hens to the local market. Only 19, however, were sent, and it was almost evening before the 20th bird was brought in by the farmer.

"Man," said the butcher, "you're late with this one!"

"Aye," agreed the other, "but, ye see, she didn't lay until this afternoon."

Doctor: "How often do you feel this pain?"

Invalid: "Every five minutes."

"And how long does it last?"

"About a quarter of an hour."

"Father, do big fish really eat sardines?"

"Yes, my boy."

"Well, how do they open the tins?"

He: "Isn't it strange that the biggest idiots always marry the most beautiful wives?"

She: "You flatter me, my dear."

"What! Thirty dollars for a stinky little lid like that?"

"It is a sin, isn't it, darling? But never you mind; the sin will be on my head."

Little Willie is a funny And eccentric little waif. Swallowed all his sister's money— Said that he was "playing safe."

"Don't mumble your prayers, Helen. I can't hear a word you say."

"I wasn't speaking to you, mother!"

"And where," asked the passenger, "shall I put this bag?"

"Up on the rack," said the porter. "But it is a black bag."

"What of that?"

"Well, you see, that police says 'For light articles only.'"

Mrs. Newlywed (in tears)—"Boo-hoo! I don't believe you love me any more."

Hubby—"Certainly I do. Didn't I kiss your aunt?"

Her Beau (waiting)—"Your sister is a long time making her appearance."

Bobby—"Well, she'd be a sight if she came down without making it."

Mrs. Brown—"So your daughter is going to be a movie star?"

Mrs. White—"Well, what can I do? She can hardly read or write!"

The silver wedding anniversary (says a wag) is the day on which the couple celebrate that twenty-five years of married life are over.

"Your sister isn't reliable. She says she is 20 years of age, but she is 26."

"Well, you see, she didn't learn to count until she was six!"

Teacher—"How many days are there in each month?"

Johnny—"Thirty days has September—All the rest I can't remember—The calendar hangs upon the wall—Why bother me with this at all?"

New Office Boy—"I've added those figures up ten times, sir."

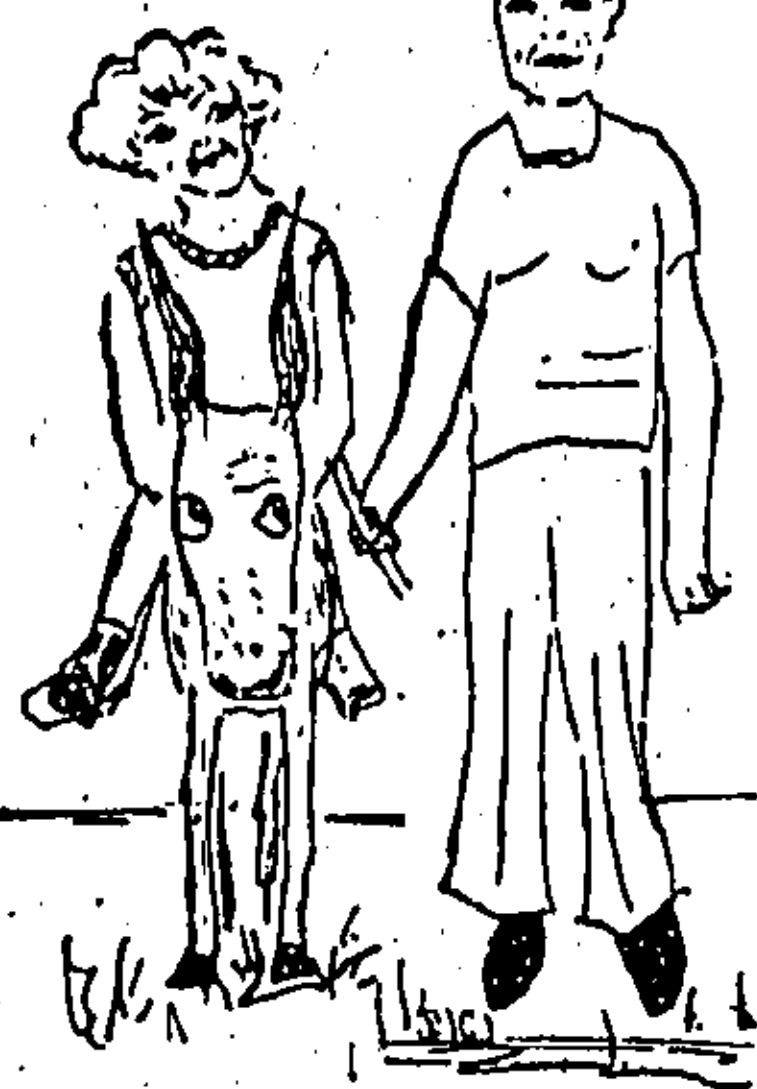
Employer—"Good boy."

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the Best People would have refrained from attending, and the stunt would thus have lost in

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graciousness that which, no doubt, it would have gained in monetary support.

Am seriously concerned about the wife. She returned from a shopping expedition today full, as the saying goes, of beans. And since then she has done nothing but put on unusual airs and graces, strutting around the place like a young peacock and shaking hands with the pup, asking how its people are, etc. No, I don't think she is quite crazy. This is what happened: She went into one of the big stores in Queen's Road West and ordered some goods, asking for them to be sent to the house. The shopman demanded her address, but at that moment she was busily occupied in examining something on a shelf. The assistant, she says, gave her the once-over; then his face broke out into a huge and beautiful smile. He rubbed his hands together and bowed before her, saying, "Oh, I know, Missie. Peak!" And I haven't been able to hold her in since.

It seems mighty Friday, easy out here to fall into habits, not all nice ones, particularly where our own comfort and well-being are concerned. Take, just for one instance, the pottering habit, the devotees of which simply loaf around, spending a lot of time ac-



complishing really little. I know a man who, poor soul, has this habit developed to a nicety. It takes him, he avers, and I believe him—fully two hours to get out of the house in the morning on his way to business. He is quite frank regarding what he does during those two hours. He gets up, shaves and bathes, dresses and breakfasts. That is all. No morning exercises or post-prandial discussion with the wife or family take up his time. He does not even look at the paper until he is aboard the tram. Yet those two hours, to him, are fully occupied. He, of course, merely potters about, and has grown so used to doing so, that he doesn't now realise it.

Well, it's come Saturday. I've been thinking for a long while that the Warlords of the North have been too good to last, and now two of them are seeking the other's throat, metaphorically speaking, of course. On the face of things, Yen Hsi-shan, the Shansi chief, is in for a hot time at the hands of Chang Tso-lin, but the former is seemingly going to give the Mukden generalissimo a run for his money. Chang, however, whom I last saw in Tientsin about a year ago, is a nasty little fellow when roused, and I have it on good authority that he warned Yen more than a month ago that if he (the Shansi boss) did not get busy and enter the fray against Feng Tien-hsiang, whom everybody seems to be after, there would be one holy

WHY THE WAR.

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Conversely, it is natural to assume that the "Christian general" has been holding out inducement to Yen Hsi-shan to join in a fight against Fengtien.

Masterly Inactivity.

Political gossip from the North is that the Fengtien leaders had made up their minds that if Yen Hsi-shan persisted in sitting on the political fence, they would go ahead without his goodwill. Hence this latest war.

As a good many people know, Yen Hsi-shan has remained in charge of Shansi since 1916, avoiding friction with everybody by a policy of masterly inactivity in affairs outside his sphere.

Sometimes, however, he had to join in the fray just to show evidence of his bona fides to whichever side happened to be winning.

Previous Events.

In May, 1926, Yen Hsi-shan bore the brunt of an allied drive against the "Christian general" whose forces were being slowly ousted from Peking. He put 50,000 men into the field and got the better of the early encounters. Owing to lack of allied co-ordination, he suffered several reverses. Ultimately, the "Christian general's" armies were pushed out by way of Nankow Pass and Kalgan (both shown in the map).

The "Christian general" then made a detour outside China Proper and finally established a footing in Kansu province. Then he took Shensi. While the Nationalists were engaging the Fengtien garrisons this year, the "Christian general" moved east and occupied Honan province as well.

Reason for War.

Yen Hsi-shan does not like the "Christian general" whose proximity is causing anxiety to Shansi.

Other reasons have to be considered. Presuming that Yen Hsi-shan did join Fengtien and the "Christian general" was suppressed. The balance of power would be upset. Fengtien might become so strong that Yen Hsi-shan may, in turn, be overcome as well.

That is why Yen Hsi-shan prefers to dally.

Fengtien will not wait indefinitely. A reason for going to war must be found. It is suggested that the "incident" at Suiyuan (shown in map as connected to Peking by the railway running from east to west, in and out of the Great Wall) was staged. Be that as it may but Fengtien has been caught unprepared.

Fengtien Confident.

The Suiyuan "incident" gives Fengtien the chance to accuse Yen Hsi-shan of being the aggressor. Fengtien is mobilising now. Earlier concentration of troops for war against Shansi may have given the game away. Fengtien is still confident but Shansi has drawn first blood. Shantung province (see map) has yet to come to the aid of the main Fengtien armies because Shantung has to watch the "Christian general" in Honan.

Fengtien's general withdrawal may be part of the whole strategic scheme.

Two War Sectors.

The two war sectors referred to daily in the "China Mail" are also shown in the map. The northern sector is around Kalgan where—at the time of writing—Shansi had advanced 50 miles along the railway to within 140 miles of Peking.

The famous Nankow Pass is where that railway crosses the inner Great Wall. This is about 30 miles north-west of Peking.

From Taiyuan (capital of Shansi) a railway of 151 miles runs east to Shih-chih-chuang, the junction with the railway running southwards from Peking down to Hankow.

Shansi's offensive in the southern sector began at Shih-chih-chuang and followed the Peking-Hankow railway northwards. The Shansi army has gained 40 miles and is 180 miles due south of Peking.

row which would result in Yen being pitched off the fence he has straddled so long and so successfully. It appears, therefore, that Chang is carrying out his threat, though up to the present the other side have had the best of matters. Chang, however, has not yet had an opportunity of showing them what his own Chihli and Manchurian troops can do and is not, I suppose, worrying much about the Fengtien forces being kicked out of Kalgan. Which reminds me that it is about the time of the year for Ted Lacey and other funmen to make a trip in this direction. Trust the skirmishing will not interfere with their business.

WAR SPREADING.

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"Will Not be Trapped."

Russian regiments, artillery and cavalry are being sent by Fengtien along the Peking-Hankow Railway to stem the tide of the Shansi advance.

Yen Hsi-shan has announced that he will not be trapped by Fengtien who hope to draw him away from Shansi. He will call a halt, he says, when he reaches a point between the outer and inner Great Wall in the northern sector, and Paoingtu (about 100 miles south of Peking) in the southern sector. The thrust along the new sector is in the nature of a flank attack on Paoingtu to harass the Fengtien line of communications.

It is to shorten this long line that Fengtien and allied troops are withdrawing towards Peking.

FOUR TO ONE!

Fengtien's Plan of Pincers-Like Movement.

Peking, Yesterday.

A big battle has been going on at Tingchow during the last three days and the Shansi army has captured Sinlo.

The Fengtien troops who, according to an Ankuochun spokesman, outnumber the Shansi troops by four to one, are manoeuvring to carry out in pincers-like movement by withdrawing on the centre and advancing on the flanks.

The Northern sector is quiet. [Note: Both Tingchow and Sinlo are on the Peking-Hankow Railway, in the southern sector. Tingchow is about 140 miles south of Peking and Sinlo about 18 miles south of Tingchow.]

GOING NORTH.

Effect of Shansi Campaign on Yangtze.

Nanking, Yesterday.

The Northern troops on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway (i.e., those under Marshal Sun Chuanfang, supported by Shantung units under General Chang Chang Tsung-chang) are stated to be going northwards, away from the Yangtze River.—British Naval Wireless.

"Christian General" Joins.

Shanghai, Thursday. Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is believed to be co-operating with General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi against the Fengtien Party. Kalgan has been captured by Shansi troops who are pressing back the Fengtien troops.—British Naval Wireless.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

It is reported that Feng Yu-hsiang has started a forward movement along the Lunghai Railway from Chengchow, his objective being Kaifeng, and fighting with the Shantung forces is imminent.—Reuter.

Fierce Shansi Attack.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Forty thousand Shansi troops continue a fierce frontal attack against the Fengtien troops numbering over 60,000 at Tingchow on the Peking-Hankow Railway.

Up to the present there has been no decision but it is rumoured that the Fengtien headquarters have been removed from Paoingtu to Kaopiehshien, 80 miles northwards.

Meanwhile, there is a lull in the fighting in the vicinity of Sunhwa-fu at the Inner Great Wall, attributed to a horde of 15,000 Mongolian cavalry, under orders of the Governor of the Province of Heilungkiang, advancing from Dolor to Kalgan for the purpose of creating a diversion for Chang Tso-lin.

The Shansi-ites have despatched five divisions to intercept them.—Reuter.

NATIONALIST SPLIT.

Leaders Meet at a Yangtze Resort.

Kiukiang, Yesterday.

At Kuling, (the summer resort), Mr. Wang Ching-wei (ex-chairman of the Kuomintang) has been interviewed by General Chu Pei-teh, Dr. C. C. Wu, and Mr. Sun Fo, who came up-river from Peking.—British Naval Wireless.

Pressing Wang.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Although ostensibly on a visit on Tan Yen-kai, Sun Fo and C. C. Wu are in Kuling for the purpose of influencing Wang Ching-wei to return to Nanking to take up a position in the Government. Actually the object is to secure military assistance against General Ho Ying-ching, and Peking-Chung-hsi, who are at present controlling Shanghai area and dependent of Nanking.

At least one Consul is finding it more effective to deal direct with these Generals than through the civil officials, whom the Generals ignore.—Reuter.

Boycott on Cigarettes.

Hankow, Yesterday. General Tang Seng-chi (commander-in-chief of the Wu-Han armies) has returned here after a visit to Changsha, the capital of Honan province.

A thorough boycott has been imposed on cigarettes of the British-American Tobacco Co. Local Chinese authorities are supporting the boycott.—British Naval Wireless.

Russian Consulate.

Changsha, Yesterday. The staff of the Russian Consulate here is believed to be leaving.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: According to a Chinese report, the Consul had been requested to leave on account of alleged participation in Communist propaganda.]

JAPAN'S POLICY.

Nanking Greatly Concerned.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Dr. C. C. Wu, Foreign Minister at Nanking, in a despatch to Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister at Peking, says that the disquieting reports of Baron Tanaka's positive policy indicate that the Japanese Government contemplates a new policy of economic and political imperialism towards China, especially in Manchuria and Mongolia.

Atmosphere of Secrecy. It seems that the Japanese Government has been negotiating in an atmosphere of secrecy and mystery with the Northern militarists regarding demands involving extensive railway concessions, freedom of residence in the interior, assumption of the right of protection in territories mentioned and reviving, even in a more objectionable form, the now universally discredited "Twenty-One Demands" which would deprive China of sovereign rights in these regions and virtually place them under the domination of Japan.

China's Sovereignty.

Dr. Wu points out that recent spontaneous demonstrations in Manchuria are symptomatic of the resentment and high-feeling aroused by any attempts to infringe the territorial sovereignty of China. The National Government communicates to Japan its grave concern, enquires whether the reports have any foundation, and asks for a definite assurance that they are entirely groundless and that Japan is in no way seeking to depart from her policy of respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China.—Reuter.

EARL OF IVEAGH.

BREWERY CHIEF DIES AT HOME.

London, Yesterday.

The Earl of Iveagh, head of the brewing firm of Guinness, who died to-day, is reputed to have been the richest man in Ireland and the second richest in England. His fortune is estimated at twenty millions sterling and the Exchequer will benefit very considerably by death duties thereon. His son and heir is Viscount Elvedon, Conservative member for Southend. His succession to the Peerage will necessitate a bye-election at Southend.—British Wireless Service.

MORO CHIEF.

BURIED AMID ORGY OF EATING & DRINKING.

Cotabato, Sept. 26.

The funeral of Datu Ampatuan who died on September 13 took place on September 21 at Sitio Kallawa, municipal district of Maganoy and was the biggest and most elaborate seen here for many years. It is estimated that 9,000 Moros attended the funeral, the services being conducted by 600 hadjis and panditas in accordance with Moro rites and customs.

The hadjis and panditas were highly paid, the family of the dead datu giving them eleven head of carabao, thirteen head of cattle and P1,000 in cash to conduct the services. To feed those who attended the funeral the family killed two carabao and three head of cattle, in addition to the many articles of food brought by friends and relatives of the family to help entertain the people.—National News Service.

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

Entertainments.

October 8—Queen's Theatre: "The Love of Sunya."
October 8—World Theatre: "The Splendid Crime."

October 8—Star Theatre, Kowloon: "They Like 'Em Rough."

October 8—Dinner dance at Lane, Crawford Restaurant.

October 10—R.E.'s Junior Dance Club hold opening dance at R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

October 11—Carnival dance by H.M.S. "Ambrose" at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

October 13—First of a series of eleven concerts for the winter season, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m., starting with "Gilbert and Sullivan."

October 18—Mr. R. Salsbury's "Quaints" will open at the City Hall, with the new musical comedy, "The Blue Train."

October 21—Nelson Day. Navy League hold Annual Concert (through courtesy of H.K. Amusements, Ltd., Queen's Theatre), 9.30 p.m.

Sports.

October 8—Friendly lawn bowls game, Happy Valley, between C.S.C.C. and Naval Dockyard R.C.

October 8-10—Hong Kong Jockey Club's sixth extra race meeting at Happy Valley, Race Course.

October 10—Exhibition billiards match, Y.M.C.A., 9 p.m.

October 10—V.R.C. 320 yds. Moki Challenge Cup, competition, 5 p.m.

October 12—Scottish Garrison sports, Happy Valley.

October 13—Interport Lawn Bowls, Hong Kong v. Shanghai, C.C.C. ground, 3 p.m.

October 15-16—Fourth extra race meetings at Macao.

October 17—V.R.C. Chinese Harbour Race, 5-6 p.m.

October 18—V.R.C. Ladies' Harbour Race, 5-6 p.m.

October 19—V.R.C. open Harbour Race, 5-6 p.m.

November 9—Eighth bi-annual "Trevessa Trophy" race for ship's lifeboats, 4 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

October 11—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

October 11—At Sales Room, 16 cases marine motors, 11 a.m.

Meetings.

October 13—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, at the Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

October 22—Sixth annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 2 Lower Albert Road, noon.

October 22—Meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show Committee, at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

October 8-9—Lecture by Mr. Leland Wang, at Lee Theatre, 7 p.m. and 2.30 and 7 p.m. respectively.

October 8-9—Charity Bazaar of the Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood, at Catholic Young Men's Club, 16 Calne Road.

October 9—Interport Polo dinner at Hotel Savoy.

October 10—Bank Holiday.

October 11—Members of Ladies' Golf Section, hold "At Home" at Fanling.

October 12—Fourth Real Club practice at Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m.

October 13—French Convent's annual sale of work, 10 a.m.

October 15—Interport lawn bowls dinner, Savoy Hotel.

October 12—Members of St. Andrew's Society "At Home" to Scottish Regiments at Happy Valley from 2 p.m.

October 16—Closing of bathing beaches at North Pt. and Tai Wan Bay.

October 24—Kennedy Town bathing beach will be closed on this date.

October 31—H.K.V.D.C. Hal-loween dinner.

November 11-12—Garden Fair organised by St. Peter's Young Men's Club.

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each event, is used on Southend's
new greyhound racing track.

The annual dinner of the China
Association is arranged to be held
at the Hotel Victoria, Northumber-
land Avenue, W.C.2, on November
21.

Messrs. Watson & Co., an-
nounced that all departments will
be closed on Monday. The Hong
Kong Dispensary will be open from
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m.
to 7 p.m.

A representative from Japan is
attending this year's Three Choirs
Festival at Hereford, the 207th
music meeting since its foundation
in 1715. There are numbers from
America, the Colonies, Rome, and
other European places.

A fire broke out early on Wed-
nesday morning in the Fu Loong
bean-curd shop at Taihu village, in
the New Territory district of Un
Long. The district fire apparatus
was able after hard work to com-
bat the trouble, but some out-houses
were destroyed. The damage is
assessed at \$2,040, which was not
covered by insurance.

A committee consisting of the
Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Thorne,
the Legal Adviser, Registrar of the
Supreme Court, and Messrs. Ivens
and Shearn will shortly sit in
Kuala Lumpur to consider the ques-
tion of the revision of the Civil
Procedure Code. The members of
the F.M.S. Bar are being requested
to give their opinions.

With reference to the situation
of the headquarters of the Postal
Service being in Singapore or in
Kuala Lumpur, the President of the
Straits Settlements (Singapore)
Association, at a committee meet-
ing on the 12th inst., read the cor-
respondence which had passed be-
tween the hon. secretary and the
Chamber of Commerce. After dis-
cussion it was decided to stand the
matter over until the next meeting
to enable the report of the Postal
Service Committee to be consid-
ered.

Two Chinese merchants, relat-
ed to the proprietor of the Kwong
Yuen Fat Hong of Des Vaux Road,
West, have arrived in Hong Kong
after nearly a year spent in bandits'
hands. At the time of their capture
by bandits they were living in their
native village in Kwangtung. Seventy
people were carried off in the raid
many of whom have been ransom-
ed, others having perished and
some being still in the hands of
the bandits. The release of the
two merchants in question was
effected on payment of \$6,000 ran-
som.

Tumbuk Estate harvested
327,150 coconuts recently.

The transport "Pero de Alen-
quer" has gone to Timor Dilly.

There was no case of notifiable
disease in the Colony for the 24
hours ended on October 6.

Tenders are invited for the
erection of an 11,000 volt trans-
mission line from Klang to Port
Swettenham.



Raymond L. Ross, who has just
been appointed chief of the new air-
ways mapping section of the Coast
and Geodetic Survey, which is pro-
ducing maps for commercial avia-
tion. Through the work, commer-
cial air lines become acquainted
with landings, air conditions
and other important features of
flying.

The hearing was continued yester-
day afternoon of the case in
which the Wing On Company
charged their former employee,
F. H. Chan, with conspiring with
H. K. Yeung and with others un-
known to damage their business by
stealing a ship chandler's business.
Mr. Philip Cockburn, Chairman of
the Wing On Directors, and also
the General Manager of the Com-
pany, denied in evidence that he
had ever authorised the latter ad-
vising the intention to raise the
prices of supplies or the revised
price list, nor did he see, until the
case came to light, the replies of
customers to these. He did not
grant defendant's application to re-
sign, nor that of the other empl yee
concerned in the case. The case
was adjourned to October 17.

A Bangkok correspondent wires
that five lives were lost through
the foundering of a lorch outside
the bar of the Menam River.

Mr. Leland Wang is to preach
in both Mandarin and Cantonese
dialects at the Lee Theatre to-day
at 7 p.m., and to-morrow at 2.30
p.m. and 7 p.m.

In 1926 Japan exported cam-
phor to the total of 30,382 piculs
valued at Yen 5,700,000. This was
a decrease of Yen 1,500,000, or
more than 20 per cent., compared
with the preceding year.

The Wilkinson Process Rubber
Co., Ltd., of Batu Caves, received
a cable from South Africa ordering
4,050 square feet of reinforced
Linatex laundry linings for a
single mine on the Rand. As one
order such as this removes tons
of rubber from the market, it is
an indication of the appreciable as-
sistance to restriction and there-
fore to Malaya in general which
this new industry is rapidly giving.
—S.T.

The following prizes for \$1
articles are still unclaimed in con-
nection with the M.C.L. "Fun O'
The Fair": 47, 124, 147, 261, 281,
304, 332, 355, 405 and 421. Claim-
ants are still awaited for the prizes
given for tickets 23, 244 and 536
in the \$5 competition. Holders of
ticket 320 in the \$1 competition and
335 in the \$5 competition presented
the prizes to the funds of the Fair.
It was formerly announced that
tickets 137 and 234 in the \$1 and \$5
competitions respectively had won
prizes. These numbers should
have read 147 and 244. Holders of
winning tickets should claim their
prizes by noon on Wednesday,
October 12. After that date, prizes
will be included in the Fair funds.

With a view to affording better
public telephone service new call
boxes have been installed at vari-
ous places and additional ones
added in various other convenient
centres in the Colony. Two new call
boxes have replaced the old one at
the Star Ferry and three addi-
tional ones have been fitted at the
Hong Kong Hotel. The latter are
at the back of the lounge, near the
rear entrance to Mac's Cafeteria.
Near the cloak room at Lane, Craw-
ford's cafe will be found another
public telephone. For the benefit
of holders of Repulse Bay matsheds,
a call box has been fitted on Beach
road, whilst at the Tramway Com-
pany's waiting room at Causeway
Bay, another can be found. Three
little known call offices are those at
the City Hall, Queen's Theatre, and
Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.
These improvements are in line with
the progressive policy of the Tele-
phone Company, the management
of which have decided on institut-
ing call boxes wherever they will
serve a useful purpose.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. E. W. Mumford has succeed-
ed Mr. H. C. Taylor as O.C.P.D.,
Seremban.

Mr. E. E. Colman, Official As-
signee, Singapore, returned from
Home leave by the "Kashmir."

In the August "Mining Maga-
zine," Arthur L. Webb gives an
account of the new tinfield in
Uganda and Tanganyika.

The Interport Polo Dinner will
be held to-night at the Hotel Savoy.

There will be a dinner dance this
evening at Messrs. Lane's Craw-
ford's restaurant.

Mr. G. D. Cameron has arrived
in Kuala Lumpur to join the staff
of Messrs. Guthrie and Co., Ltd.

The Royal Engineer's Junior
Dance Club are holding their open-
ing dance at the R.E. Theatre,
Wellington Barracks on Monday.

The Chief Justice, Lady Gompertz
and Mr. Justice Thorne left Ipoh,
for Taiping, where they will stay
for a few days on the Taiping
Hills.

A carnival dance under the
auspices of H.M.S. "Ambrose," is
being given at Messrs. Lane, Craw-
ford's Restaurant on Tuesday next.
Dancing will commence at 8.30 p.m.
and will continue until 1 a.m.

Lieut. H. R. S. Zehnder is appoint-
ed acting captain whilst in com-
mand of the Eurasian Company,
S.V.C., and Lieut. J. R. Angus, acting
captain, reverts to his rank on
ceasing to command the company.

Notice is given in the "Gazette"
of the accession of this Colony to
the Treaty of Commerce and
Navigation between the United
Kingdom and Estonia. The stipu-
lations of the Treaty will apply to
this Colony as from July 14, 1927.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government has
appointed, provisionally and sub-
ject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr.
Roland Arthur Charles North to be
a Member of the Executive and
Legislative Councils, during his
tenure of office as acting Secretary
for Chinese Affairs, with effect
from October 5, 1927.

To-day's "Gazette" states that
with reference to the issue of
\$5,000,000 Hong Kong Currency
six per cent. Bonds to Bearer being
part of the \$5,000,000 Loan au-
thorised by the Public Works Loan
Ordinance, 1927, it is notified that
His Excellency the Governor has
been pleased to appoint Sir Joseph
Horford, K.C.M.G., C.B.E.,
(Chairman), Mr. H. M. Charles
Molloy, M.B.E., (Vice-Chairman),
and Mr. J. M. Blair, M.B.E., (Sec-
retary) to the Loan Committee.

Mr. S. F. Waterlow, C.B.E., the
British Minister at Bangkok, is on
a visit to Singapore.

Mr. H. A. Forrer, Registrar,
Supreme Court, Penang, leaves for
Singapore on transfer.

Mr. J. M. Riley, Chief Inspector,
Selangor, has returned to Kuala
Lumpur from Kuala Pilah, where
he has been acting as O.C.P.D.



Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daugh-
ter of the late President Roosevelt
and wife of Nicholas Longworth,
Speaker of the House of Representa-
tives, is now in Hong Kong. Her husband's
name has been mentioned as a pos-
sible candidate for the Republican
nomination she may become first
lady of the land.

Mr. Prakesh Chandra Mitra,
formerly of the High Court, Cal-
cutta, was admitted to the Singa-
pore Bar on Sept. 19 before Mr.
Justice Daane.

Bishop Vitus Love dedicated the
new Methodist Episcopal Church at
Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, on the 2nd
inst. The service was held in the
presence of many distinguished
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EVOLUTION.

LECTURE AT ST. PATRICK'S CLUB.

MAN AND THE APE.

Thursday evening the Rev. Byrnes, Ph.D., S.J., lectured at St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, on the subject: "Half a Century of Evolution: Faith and Facts." The lecture was illustrated with interesting slides. The lecturer, a distinguished biologist, said: "For enlightened Darwinism is dead." This in his presidential address to the British Association, Sir Arthur speaks of Darwin's position as being "impregnable." An ordinary layman who may like to follow, with interest, the scientific conclusions of the day, must be guided by such opposite statements made by distinguished scientists.

The earth is covered with a variety of things; there are minerals, plants and insects and animals. Most people take them for granted; were they not always there? "No" is the very definite answer of science, for there was a time when the earth was so hot that these living things could not have existed upon it. It cooled down first, and it cooled a long time before it became cool enough to sustain life. As Sir Oliver Lodge puts it, "how or other, in manner of evolution, life appeared, a mysterious entity with apparently potentiality of slow and indevelopment."

From The Dead.
If asked how life appeared, would answer, "by a creation of God," and would most likely say that each individual of living thing was originally created by God, and endowed with the power of propagating its kind. They might be surprised to hear that St. Augustine, a famous Christian, and many others, believed in "spontaneous generation," that is, that in certain cases living matter spontaneously appeared from dead matter. Very wonderful changes take place in Nature, and there are so many different kinds of living things so like one another in bodily structure that we may ask it is possible that one kind of plant or one kind of animal should, in the course of many years, gradually become another kind. Long before Darwin, many minds had examined this problem, and some believed that a gradual change had gone on, in the course of centuries, so that one species or kind of living thing was transformed into another. Thus the earliest remains of birds, found in the earth, were more reptile-like in appearance than the birds of to-day. It is possible that the bird of to-day is the result of a long series of changes, and various other factors, such as climate, food, cross-breeding, and various other factors, sometimes of quite a marked character, could not all these forces, working naturally in the course of long ages, effect even more striking changes?

From Other Species.
In 1801 a scientist, named Lamarck, replied: "Yes, it is so. All species, including man, are descended from other species." He believed the modifications to have been mainly caused by (a) physical conditions of life, (b) crossing of existing forms, (c) use or disuse of organs. Lamarck had his followers, but it was not until 1859 that Darwin published his book, "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle of Life." We give Darwin's own title: it is important. It tells us exactly what Darwin's personal contribution to the question meant. Darwin accepted Transformism, which was an old theory, but he offered the Scientific world a new explanation of how it might take place. His book was written to unfold this theme.

Briefly, it may be stated thus: living creatures have a general resemblance to their parents, but they also differ from them. Thus the young hare may be swifter of foot than the parent hares, in which case he would be better equipped for the battle of life, as more readily escaping from danger.

Natural Selection.
Variations of an advantageous kind might be passed on and so, in time, tend to form a new species. "Can we doubt that individuals having any advantage, however slight, over others, would have the best chance of surviving, and of procreating their kind?" asks Darwin.

Now it is just here that the difficulty arises. It is possible not only to doubt but to disbelieve the theory of "Natural Selection," as explaining a continuous series of variations worked out to produce new species of a higher type. Hence to-day, as in Darwin's lifetime, we meet with Scientists who are completely opposed in their views of his theories, as the quotations from Driesch and Keith show. We might cite Lankaster as a strong supporter of the "Survival of the Fittest" and, on the other hand, the opinion of the Russian Botanist, Korschinsky, that Natural Selection "is in no way favourable to the origin of new forms. It is a factor inimical to evolution."

Facts of Evolution.
If one takes up some of the cheap manuals on Evolution, and they are constantly appearing, he will read of the "Fact of Evolution" and he will be assured that "no one can doubt it, in these days." We must regret such statements. They are untrue, and a departure from truth must injure not serve the cause of genuine Science. Many talk glibly of "Darwinism," but the number who have read Darwin's own works is comparatively small. Darwin was very modest in his conclusions, and did not label as "facts" statements which were only theories. There is a very big difference. Recently there was much damage done by a typhoon. The "facts" are the ruined houses, the uprooted trees, the roads covered with rock fragments, &c. If I did not know of the typhoon, I might offer various explanations of how this happened: they might be all quite sufficient to account for the damage, and so be very plausible, but they are only theories and they happen to be false.

Now let us apply this principle to Evolution, and for practical purposes let us take the supposed Evolution of Man from the ape, to which Sir A. Keith devotes some attention in his recent Presidential Address.

Reveal Us As Monkeys.
Many scientists hold that if we were sufficiently curious about our ancestors investigation would reveal them to us as monkeys in the forest. Now why do they think this? No one can deny that there is a considerable resemblance, in bodily structure, between man and ape; scientists can point out further similarities, as in the nature and reactions of the blood. Further, archaeological researches have unearthed various specimens of human workmanship and human remains in the earth. The tools used by these ancient men were of a primitive and rough kind, pointing to a rudimentary civilisation. Some skulls and other skeletal parts found indicated, in the opinion of many scientists, a type of man much closer to the ape than the man of to-day.

Much work was spent over these relics, and it was hoped to complete the collection some day, and to show the gradual shaping of the ape into the man. The collection is still incomplete, and the "link" between man and monkey is as missing a link as it was in the days of Darwin. We read at times of the "flood" of evidence. The "flood" consists of a few skulls, some pieces of bones, and some skeletons grouped around them. It was remarked that they could all fit into the back of a small Ford delivery van.

Human Remains?
In his address Sir Arthur Keith mentions the pieces with which any

one who has read the literature of evolution must be familiar: The top of skull, teeth and thigh-bone found in Java. Out of these has been constructed a man. Are we really justified in forming any conclusion? The first difficulty is to prove that they belong to the same individual, for they were found apart. The second difficulty is to prove that they were human remains. Some say the skull is human, others it is of an ape, others intermediate between the two. Then comes the "Pitkoven skull." This skull was in a very imperfect condition, the efforts of reconstruction were unhappy. The jaw found with it was pronounced by Professor Osborn to be that of a chimpanzee.

Only a Theory.
It is not to be wondered then that Sir Arthur Keith writes "there are still great blanks in the geological record of man's evolution." He hopes, as do the many scientists who share his views, that these blanks will one day be filled in. What is the man in the street to think of it all? He ought first to realise that Evolution, no matter how many learned supporters it may claim, is only a theory. It is a theory which has stimulated much scientific work and thought, and so far it is good.

But it does not explain the beginning of life and it could not do so. As Sir Oliver Lodge says: "Of ultimate origins science knows nothing. Its methods enable it to infer with more or less accuracy what will be from what is; and with somewhat greater confidence to gather information about the past from the present, inferring from what was, at any given epoch, something of what went on before it."

There is a kind of idea that Evolution and Religion are opposed. This is not so, if the Evolution meant is the Evolution of which Science is competent to speak. But if the so-called Evolution attempts to explain the origin of the soul of man, it has strayed away from the paths of Science, for, of such ultimate origins, as Lodge truly says, Science knows nothing. It has taken a false turn, and being false must run counter to religious truth.

Back To The Ape.
If anyone wishes to believe that his body must trace its ancestry back to the ape, we do not know of any religious principle which need take the axe to destroy his genealogical tree; on the other hand, with mind perfectly to value duly any evidence that may be offered, we have so far failed to meet with any of a convincing nature, and so we prefer to abide by the verdict "not proven," sharing the view of a writer to the literary supplement of the "Times" who said: "No one possessed of a sense of humour can contemplate without amusement the battle of evolution, encircled (dialectically speaking) with the gore of innumerable combatants, encumbered with the corpses of the inferring, the slain, and resounding, with the cries of the living as they hustle together in the fray. Here are zoologists, embryologists, botanists, morphologists, biometricalians, anthropologists, sociologists, persons with banners and without; Darwinians and neo-Darwinians, Lamarckians and neo-Lamarckians, Galtonians, Haeckelians, Weismannians, de Vriesians, Mendelians, Hertzwegians, and many more whom it would be tedious to enumerate."

Never was seen such a melee! The humour of it all is that they all claim to represent "Science," the serene, the majestic, the absolutely sure, the undivided and immutable, the one and only vice-gerent of Truth, her other self. Yet it would puzzle them to point to a theological battlefield exhibiting more uncertainty, obscurity, dissension, assumption and fallacy than their own. For the plain truth is that, though some agree in this and that, there is not a single point in which all agree; battling for evolution, they have torn it to pieces; nothing is left, nothing at all on their showing, saving a few fragments strewn about the arena.

was accomplished by the use of a special nickel-steel boiler plate the first of its kind used in boiler construction on the American continent. The Baltimore Centenary Exhibition, is expected to be the most complete outdoor and indoor exhibition of transportation ever collected, including the earliest and latest types of locomotive from the North American as well as the European Continents and the British Isles.

MOTOR SMASH.

THREE KILLED AND NINE INJURED.

ATTACK BY VILLAGERS.

Three men were killed and nine others were injured when an automobile, owned and driven by J. L. Johnson, of Manila, crashed into a corner tienda at Bacoor, Cavite, about 8 p.m. on September 25, reports the "Manila Bulletin." The men who were killed were in the tienda together with two other persons, who were injured, and were crushed under the auto. All occupants of the car, seven in number, were injured. Gregorio Navarro, Ambrosio Jimenez and Mateo Sabino, all of Bacoor, were killed. The first two mentioned received broken ribs and internal injuries that resulted in almost immediate death. Sabino died about 10 p.m. at the Philippine General Hospital, where he was rushed for medical treatment.

Players in Car.
With the exception of Mr. Johnson, and Frederick Gaynor, five-year old son of George A. Gaynor, of Cavite, the occupants of the car, were members of the All-American Cavite baseball team, which played a series of two games in Manila Sunday.

Mr. Johnson was taking the players home when the accident occurred.

The injured persons are George A. Gaynor, Claude A. Hamm, William H. Ashbey, Arthur J. Provost and Roy M. Patrick, of the Cavite navy yard; Frederick Gaynor, son of George Gaynor; Mr. Johnson; Augustin Miranda, and Clemente Malawig, of Bacoor.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Gaynor are the most seriously injured according to physicians in charge at the Canacao Naval Hospital. Both of Mr. Johnson's legs were broken. Both bones in the left leg were fractured. Mr. Gaynor received a deep laceration in the right leg.

Tienda Owner Hurt.
Augustin Miranda, owner of the wrecked tienda at Bacoor, suffered a dislocation of the right arm, while Clemente Malawig sustained a lacerated right arm. Both are being treated in their homes at Bacoor.

William Ashbey, the Cavite baseball team's star pitcher, escaped with only a slight cut on his face. He was released from the hospital after treatment. Mr. Provost sustained several cuts about the face and hands, while Mr. Patrick suffered three broken left ribs. Frederick Gaynor, the youngest member of the party, was only slightly injured. He escaped with a minor abdominal bruise.

Car Attacked.
An investigation of the accident conducted on September 26 by the authorities at Cavite revealed that when entering the village of Bacoor, Mr. Johnson's automobile, in making its way through a parade crowd, struck a small boy, knocking him down. The boy escaped uninjured, according to reports at Bacoor, but a large crowd which had gathered around the scene, became enraged and attacked the occupants of the car. The baseball players and their driver were greeted with a fusillade of rocks, stones and pieces of iron, and a policeman fired two shots.

To escape the enraged mob, Mr. Johnson turned off the lights of his automobile and hurried on through the village in the direction of Cavite. Upon approaching the Bacoor bridge, which lies on the outskirts of the village, the car came to a sharp turn in the road, almost a right-angle turn. Mr. Johnson attempted to make it. The car skidded rolled down an incline that banks the curve and demolished the Miranda tienda.

Tree Jack-Knifed.
When the automobile completed its crash, it was lying on its side, with its frame jack-knifed around the trunk of a tree. The crowd, which had given chase to the Johnson car upon its entrance into Bacoor, halted when they saw the crash and kept at a distance. The driver of a passing car, whose name could not be learned, stopped at the wreck, summoned the crowd of Filipinos to his assistance, picked up the injured members of the baseball team and Mr. Johnson, and rushed them to Canacao Hospital.

Investigation Ordered.
The men occupying the tienda were attended by relatives. Mateo Sabino was rushed to the Philippine General Hospital but died shortly after his arrival. Gregorio Navarro and Ambrosio Jimenez died on the scene of the accident. An investigation of the accident has been ordered by Rear Admiral Sumner E. W. Kittell, commandant of the navy yard. The navy yard authorities have not yet placed any blame on anyone. A complaint has been filed by the Bacoor officials with the Cavite authorities.



WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on October 1, 1927.—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam Level	6' 7" B	6' 7" B
Tytam Byewash	do.	20' 8" B
Tytam Intermediate	do.	Level
Tytam Tuk	do.	Level
Wong Nei Chung	do.	17' 11" B
Pokfulum	do.	6' 10" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A denotes "Above Overflow."]

	1926	1927
Tytam	884.80	330.55
Tytam Byewash	22.87	22.87
Tytam Intermediate	195.50	195.50
Tytam Tuk	1,419.00	1,419.00
Wong Nei Chung	30.34	11.45
Pokfulum	66.00	51.08

Total 2,118.41 2,010.99

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

	1926	1927
Consumption	268.24	314.54
Estimated population 405,040 415,800		
Consumption per head	22.0	25.2

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during September, 1926 and 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir Level	0' 9" B	0' 9" B
Shek Kai Pui Reservoir	do.	Level

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	852.50	844.71
Shek Kai Pui Reservoir	100.80	100.80
Reception Reservoir		

Total 453.30 445.51

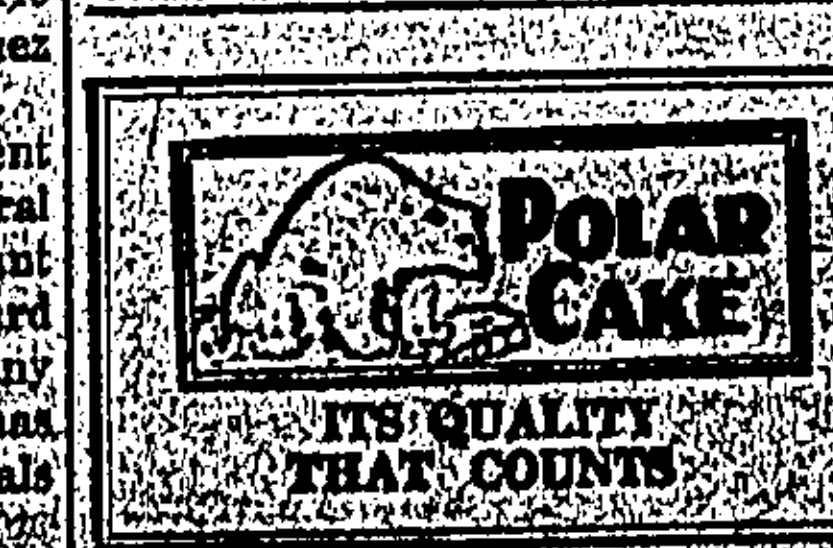
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

	1926	1927
Consumption	81.78	105.38
Estimated population 156,880 161,920		
Consumption per head	17.5	21.7

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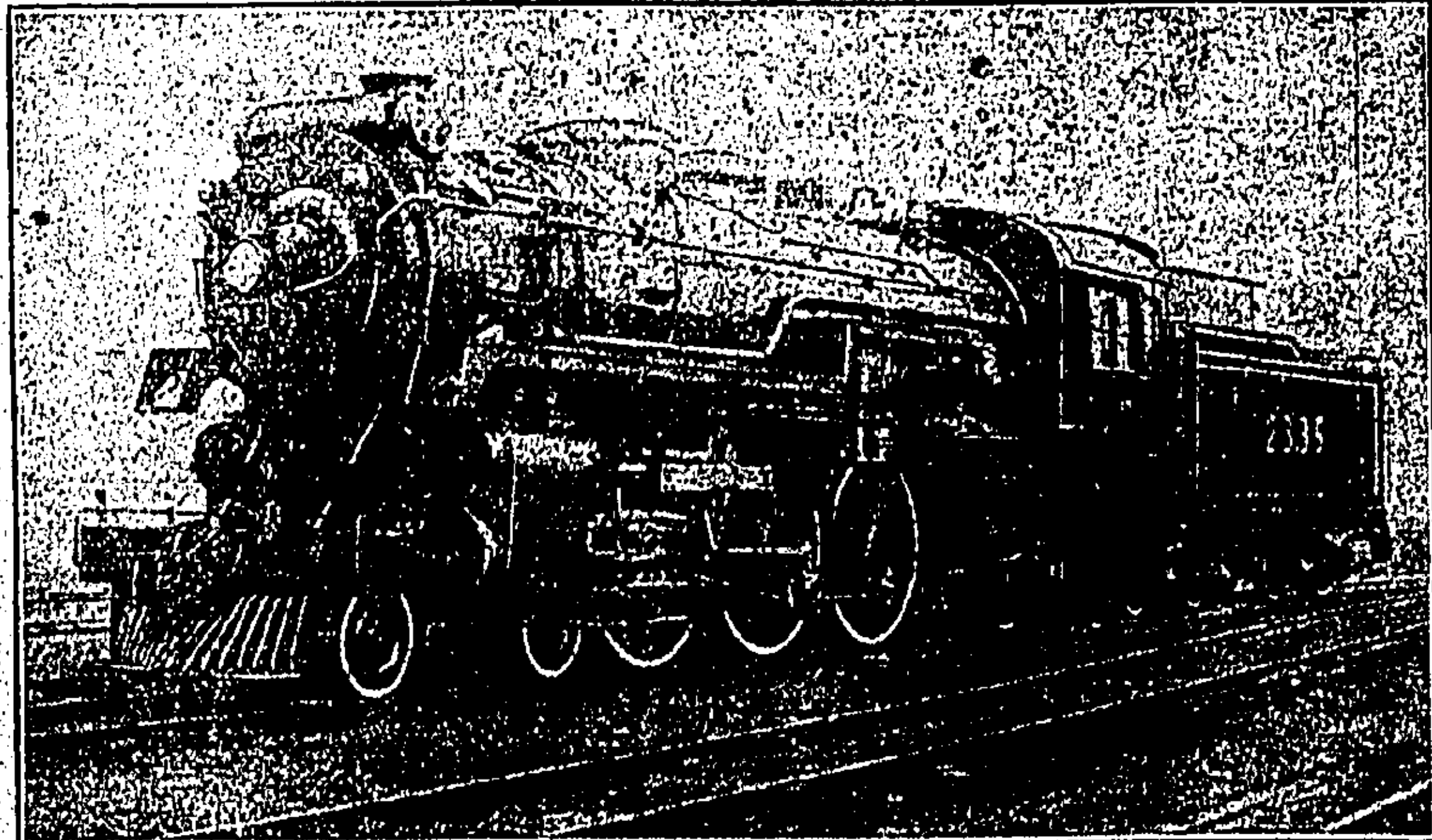
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Interest taken by American railway officials in the advance of Canadian locomotive construction is emphasised by the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have been asked to send their latest passenger engine to Baltimore to be placed on exhibition at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Centenary Exhibition and Fair, being held from September 24 to October 6, at President William Howard Taft's would

Canadian Pacific officials have sent word to Baltimore that they will be represented there by the latest type of their "2800" class passenger locomotives. The compact design of their engine is one of its striking features. In construction the weight was kept to a minimum even though an increase of 50 pounds per square inch was attained, bringing the boiler pressure developed up to

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A PRETENDER.

CASTLE IN SPAIN
TALE.

Angel L. de Varanda, charged by Antonio Vives with having defrauded him of P.625 by pretending to be heir to the fortune of a nobleman in Antorcha, Spain, was acquitted of estafa by Judge Imperial in Manila, reports the local "Times."

The court based his findings on the utter improbability of a person of Sr. Vives' evident experience possessing the credulity necessary to believe the obviously fanciful tale invented by the Varanda, who is a sickly, unprepossessing young man in his early twenties.

De Varanda, it is claimed, spoke convincingly of a fortune which he was to inherit, and which varied, according to his statement, from 3,000,000 to 25,000,000 pounds sterling. His promises to the Vives family included a tour of the world on one or both of his newly-purchased steamers, Saturno, and Neptune.

"The manifestations made by the accused to the offended person and his wife," the court humorously remarked in handing down his decision, "were based on facts which were not only fantastic but obviously false, and a mere glance should have been sufficient to convince anyone of their being nothing but a 'Tartar's Tale'."

In dismissing the estafa complaint against de Varanda the court reserved to Sr. Vives the right to file a civil action in the premises.

MALAYAN FOREST FOLK.

THE "LANGUAGE" OF
APES.

In the Zoology section of the British Association, on Sept. 5, Mr. H. N. Ridley, who was in charge of the Singapore Botanic Gardens for 15 years and had established in them a collection of local wild animals, gave a fascinating account of some of the observations he had made.

He had kept the large orang-utan alive for many years, and found it to be intelligent and docile when young, but apt to be sullen and dangerous as it approached maturity. Another anthropoid ape, the agile gibbon, was remarkable, like all the gibbons, for its extremely loud voice, which, however, could be modulated until it could almost be described as singing.

Mr. Ridley said: "They are famous for their song at sunrise, and the marvellous thing is that the notes they utter run up and down the scale perfectly. To hear them singing in unison across a valley is a weird experience."

Many of the smaller monkeys, he continued, uttered a range of sounds that seemed to convey states of mind and to be a rudimentary kind of language. There were warning cries, as at the presence of snakes, calls to the young, scolding, chattering, sex calls, and fighting challenges.

"The language of monkeys can be very expressive indeed," said Mr. Ridley. "They make a noise like 'kiss' which the natives say means 'kiss a man,' but they make quite a different cry to represent 'I see a tiger,' and in the forest camps this cry of warning wakens you like an alarm clock. In a tropical zoo each male monkey has a female of seven wives. If we put a female monkey into a cage of mixed monkeys it is the signal for an attack on her by all members of her sex, just as the males would be similarly hostile if one of their sex were introduced. But let the intruding male win the battle and he becomes king automatically. He has the pick of the harem and is permitted to take first choice of all food. The result is that they overeat, and I had two king monkeys die from this cause. When the king becomes old there is a fierce fight with the younger monkeys in which the king is usually slain."

Tigers, if they were to be kept in good health, appeared to require meals of fresh blood from time to time, probably because of the salts contained in it. They would eat stale carrion or return to a large prey for many days after the kill, but that did not satisfy all their physiological requirements, and hence from time to time they made ferocious attacks on cattle or on human beings.

The Malay tapir when seen in a museum or in a zoo, either in the adult or the immature state, was a very conspicuously coloured animal. In nature, however, the colour-pattern was an effective camouflage. The adult had a great saddle-shaped block of whitish-grey breaking up the dark colour of the rest of the body. When the animal lay on the dry bed of a stream, one of their favourite haunts, the body seemed to be nothing but a rounded limestone boulder. The young were vividly striped and, when they were standing or crouching in a reed-bed, they blended completely with the background. Tapirs, like rhinoceroses and other large ungulates, lived largely on the fallen fruits of trees and on shoots and foliage, and undoubtedly played an important part in the dispersal of the seeds of trees, as these passed through their bodies not only unharmed, but with the early stages of germination favoured.

VEIL FALLS.

MYSTERIES OF OLD TURKISH
REGIME.

Veil upon veil has fallen in the new Turkey, disclosing mysteries of the old regime.

Now the heaviest and most mysterious veil of all is to be drawn aside—the massive bronze door which for almost 400 years has shut the Imperial Harem of the Seraglio Palace from the world.

Within the labyrinth behind that door workmen are busy with scaffolding and plaster to prepare for the opening of the harem as a museum within several months.

The harem is a maze of tiny rooms built into each other like a nest of Chinese boxes and connected by a witchery of shadowy corridors and little stairways which wander up and down haphazardly.

The subdued laughter and the whispered fears of thousands of women echoed in the past through the hundred or more rooms of the harem, through the inner courtyard and the high-walled roof garden, still ornamental with roses and fountains, where the imprisoned ladies could see the sky.

The rooms are dark, lighted only by tiny windows of stained glass barred on the outside and covered with lattices, or by the typical Moslem honey-comb nest of holes in the roof. Thus dim light filters on polychrome carved woodwork in the ceilings, tiles in the walls and soft old rugs on the floors.

Much of the old furniture remains: wide, low divans covered with tattered brocades, chairs of ivory and of precious wood inlaid with mother-of-pearl, dim mirrors in frames of golden filigree. Punctured walls open disclosing hundreds of closets, in one of which there is still a mound of mattresses formerly used to make a royal bed under one of the carved many coloured canopies which are scattered throughout the harem.

Outside the bedchamber of Sultan Ahmed III, "the tulip loving monarch," there is set in the wall a slender column of antique verde which turns in its socket with a grinding sound. It was used by the eunuchs to warn His Majesty of the approach of any interloper.

In all the bedrooms are marble fountains and troughs for washing the feet. In the apartment of the little princes even the window sills are made into marble troughs with golden faucets at each end. Imposing are the imperial baths, a series of snowy white rooms opening into each other through doors padded with red felt.

There are two kinds of baths. One consists of a fountain and a trough behind a golden grille with a locked gate where the sultanas bathed in Moslem style, sitting on stools while slaves poured water over them from buckets of gold.

The other is a huge marble tub outside the grille into which Christian women of the harem descended to bathe in European style.

FRENCH BUILDING SLUMP.

"Formidable" unemployment in France within a year is foreseen by President Largier of the National Chamber of Real Estate Agents.

Largier says over-taxation is throttling building. He says building has dropped off about a third and that all industry will soon show the effects of this. He calls upon the government to act immediately to avoid a "social and financial peril."

A tax of 25 per cent. is levied on real estate transfers. This, he says, has proved to be a fatal mistake. He shows that the government is receiving less and less revenues from this tax.

THE TINOS.

OLD WHITE RACE IN THE
ORIENT.

Delegates at a recent scientific congress in Tokyo evidenced considerable interest in the origin of a white race now living in Japan, where it seems to have preceded the present yellow race.

Isolated now on the islands of Hokkaido, the race, called Tinos, still have a manner of living and a language which show them to be descendants of primitive white men.

The Tino is no taller than the Japanese, but is heavier. His skin is white, though swarthy and his hair is thick and wavy. The eyes do not have the Mongol slant. Some scientists believe them to have come originally from Europe, others associate them with the Polynesians.



Edward F. Schlee and his pilot, William S. Brock, who attempted a round-the-world trip in their plane, the "Pride of Detroit," but stopped at Japan. (Top) The Stinson-Detroit monoplane, the "Pride of Detroit." (Bottom) Edward F. Schlee (left), owner and William S. Brock, pilot.

ILLITERACY.

SEEMS TO INCREASE IN
FRANCE.

Illiteracy seems to be increasing in France. Educators propose to do something about it.

One-sixth of the French population, statistics show, are classed as illiterate, which means here that they can not read and write. There are three and one-half per cent. who do not even know the letters of the alphabet. This is said to be seven times the proportion in Germany and 35 times the percentage in Sweden.

Absence of children from school has increased until more than one-ninth fail to attend classes.

A number of congresses and organizations are urging some arrangement for supplementary instruction of young people who left school to help earn the family living. They hope, later, also to improve the general system of education.

FRENCH CULTURE.

LIKED BY SOUTH AMERICAN
VISITORS.

Americans from the United States sometimes wonder why Paris pays so much attention to South Americans when the United States would seem to be more attractive in a business way.

"Le Journal," as patron of a big South American fete at the national opera recently, explained that if the French language and French culture are to hold their places in the world South America will be a big factor. Wealthy South Americans probably are as numerous as North Americans in Paris. They regard Paris as the world's intellectual and political capital, says "Le Journal," while this is not true of Anglo-Saxons. Therefore, France's interest, it is argued, is to influence the 20,000,000 people of South America, whose Latin temperament the French understand.

TO SEE COOLIDGE.

PHILIPPINES' SENATOR'S
PERSONAL MISSION.

The "Manila Bulletin" of September 24 reports:—

Manuel Quezon, President of the Senate, spent more than an hour at the State Department yesterday afternoon in conference with Acting Governor General Gilmore. The purpose of the conference could not be ascertained.

Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Senate, will take the first available steamer to the United States.

Mr. Quezon will constitute a one-man mission to confer with President Coolidge on the selection of a new Governor-General. His trip is in response to an invitation alleged to have been extended to him by the President.

The "invitation" was revealed by Pedro Guevara, Philippine resident commissioner in Washington, after a recent interview with Mr. Coolidge, in the course of which Mr. Guevara was asked by Mr. Quezon if he would be willing to receive Philippine leaders.

Mr. Coolidge, according to Mr. Guevara, intimated that he was always glad to see Philippine leaders. Acting on this advice, Mr. Quezon himself announced last night that he was off for Washington as soon as transportation could be arranged.

Caucus Held.

The decision to send Mr. Quezon to Washington was reached last night at a secret meeting of majority members of the legislature who were informed officially by Mr. Guevara.

Mr. Quezon's meeting with President Coolidge and of the latter's announcement of his willingness to receive Philippine leaders in a conference. Earlier in the day, however, Mr. Quezon had a conference with Senator Sergio Osmeña and Speaker Manuel Roxas in his house in Pasay, where the question of his going to Washington is understood to have been settled.

After the majority caucus last night Mr. Quezon issued the following press statement:—

"At a meeting of the majority members of the Philippine legislature, Senate President Quezon informed his colleagues of the conference. Resident Commissioner Pedro Guevara had with President Coolidge in which the President manifested his willingness to meet with Philippine leaders. Mr. Quezon also announced that he would inform the minority members as soon as a date could be agreed for a meeting with them. The majority members of the legislature received the news from Washington with satisfaction and expressed their desire that Senate President Quezon leave for the United States at the earliest possible time. Senator Sergio Osmeña will act as resident pro tempore of the senate in Mr. Quezon's absence."

Won't Say How Long.

Mr. Quezon refused to discuss what he intended to take up with the President, telling newspapermen that he was not prepared to say more than appeared in his press statement. How long he will remain in the United States, he would not say.

Expenses of the mission will be borne from the discretionary funds of the senate, P50,000 being available for the purpose.

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GERMAN NOBLEMEN.

STILL DRAW ANNUITIES
FROM STATE.

Sixteen princes, dukes and counts of the old German empire have been drawn from the German Republican coffers in the last three years the sum of 2,239,528 gold marks, or about \$560,000, according to a statement issued by the Prussian Finance Ministry in reply to a question in the Diet.

These payments, the statement explains, take the place of annuities granted after the revolution to former heads of petty German states. They were payable in paper marks. The sum total, 1,831,570 marks, amounted in the inflation year 1923 to the merest fraction of one American cent.

Nothing apparently was forgotten or neglected by the noble claimants in demanding compensation for the loss of old privileges many of them dating from the middle ages. The fourth of six sectional heads under which the annuities were detailed, gives particulars of compensations for the loss of postal privileges, for the ownership of serfs and even for the rights to collect rags and bones.

SUMMER QUEEN.

CHOSEN BY GERMAN
JUDGES.

This year's choice of the German summer queen involved much careful consideration and repeated reconsideration.

For hours hundreds of competing aspirants for regal honours were obliged to file again and again before the stern appraising judges in Luna Park—the Coney Island of Berlin. It was not until 10 o'clock at night that the jury had sifted the 25 most promising maidens from all this wealth of beauty in bathing costumes.

At the final public ballot the crown was accorded by a large majority to an 18-year old German mannequin, Margaret Kraemer. The regal honours conferred on her also comprised a crisp 1,000 mark bill, a large bouquet of roses and the manifold joy of being filmed on the spot innumerable times.

Nina Rilewsky, a 20-year old Russian girl, carried off the second prize.

SUIT AGAINST CONVENT.

GIRLS TO REMAIN WITH
GUARDIANS.

The petition of Juanita Mapago, at present temporarily residing at 1803 Calle Felix Huertas, Santa Cruz, for a writ of Habeas Corpus, asking that the court order the American Guardian Association and the Good Shepherd Convent to deliver to her Clara Brown and Rufina Brown, her daughters, on the ground they had reached their majority, was denied in Manila by Judge Anacleto Diaz, of the sixth branch of the court of first instance.

Judge Diaz dismissed the petition on the ground the mother apparently is unable to support her children.

The petition was dismissed also on the ground Clara, who is more than 21, has told the court she does not want to live with her mother, and Rufina has not reached her majority.

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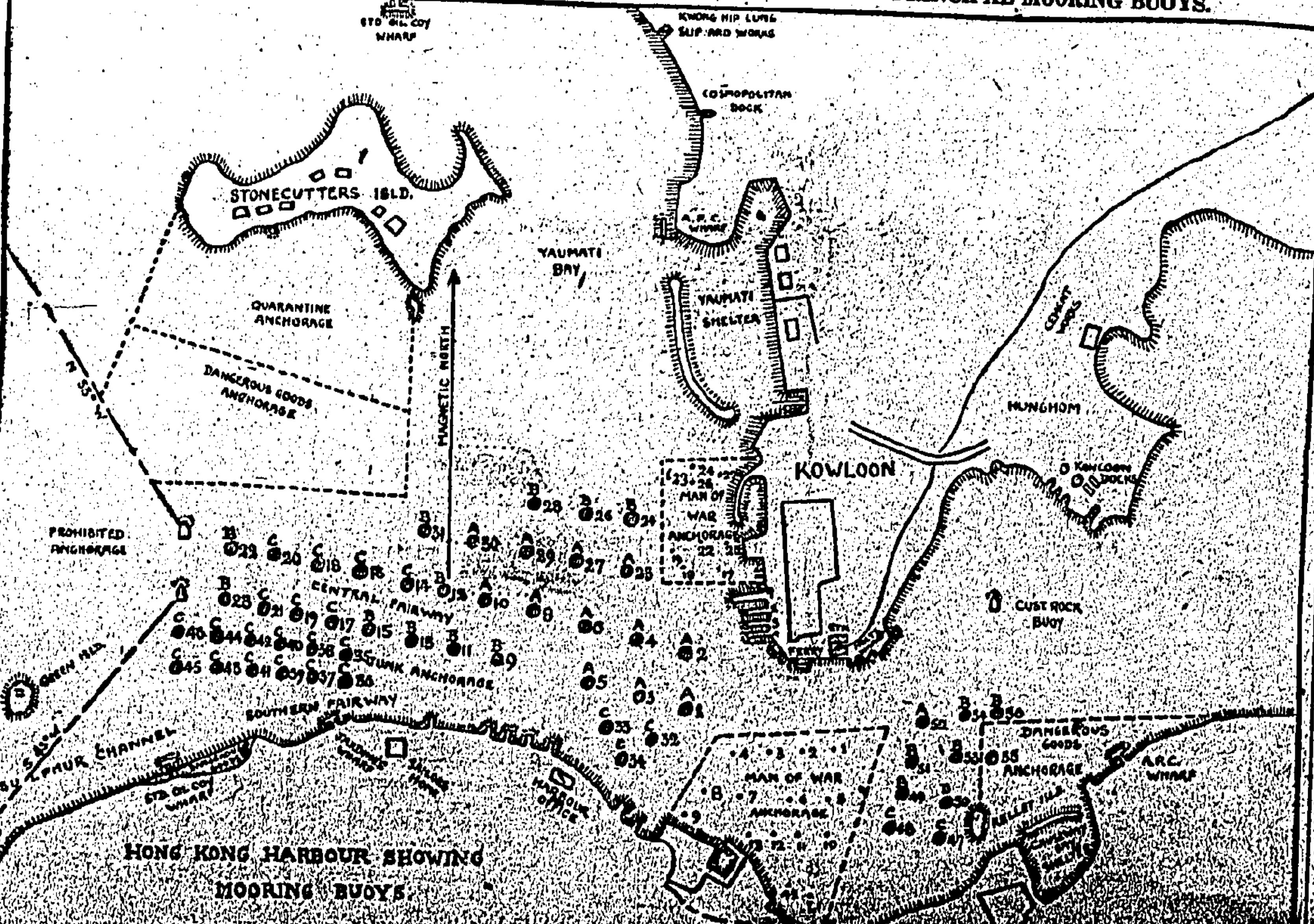
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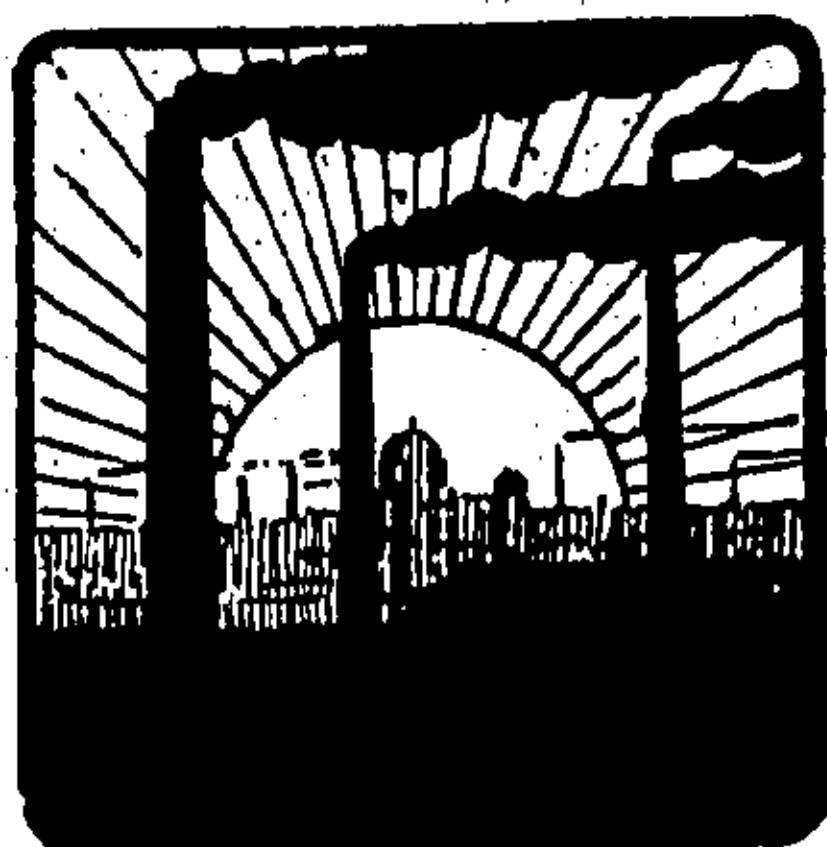
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Woman Burnt to Death.

Miss Elizabeth Parsons (35) was found fatally burned in her bungalow at Burwardsley, Tattenhall, near Chester. A temporary postman, Leslie Harding, who is Miss Parsons' nephew, noticed smoke coming from the bungalow roof. He smashed a window and saw Miss Parsons lying dead on the bed.

Over 150 deaths are reported in Galician floods.

Membership of Automobile Association is now over 350,000.

Mrs. Amelia Bingham (58), the American actress, has died.

John Fuger (19), of Strood, was drowned while bathing near Rochester bridge.

An imitation of a fleeing hare, made of rubber, and inflated before each event, is used on Southend's new greyhound racing track.

New Art Gallery.

In order to complete the modern foreign gallery which was opened by the King at Millbank last year, Sir Joseph Duxen has made a further offer to build an additional gallery for modern foreign sculpture. His offer has been accepted, and the new building will shortly be erected on the vacant site reserved behind the present galleries.

When driving home to Dean Farm, West Down, Devon, Cyril Chugg (26) was struck by lightning and killed. The pony continued the journey, and Chugg's body was found lying in the cart.

Benoist, driving a French Delage car, won the Grand Prix of Europe on the track at Monza, Italy. Morandi, with an Italian O.M. car, was second; Kreis, with the American Miller car, was third; and Minola, with an Italian O.M., fourth.

Snake in a Motor-Car.

On arriving at Carnarvon during a tour of North Wales, a Manchester motorist was astonished to discover that a snake, over 3 feet long, had coiled itself under the seat of the car. Both driver and passenger were greatly alarmed, but a member of the town council came to the rescue and, whipping the reptile from its hiding place, killed it.

Found unconscious in a Rotherhithe-Street, Mr. John Corrigan, an engineer, of Evelyn-Street, Deptford, died in Bermondsey Hospital. It was evident that the man had been assaulted and robbed, and Scotland Yard officers are endeavouring to trace the thieves. When he was found, Corrigan had a severe wound on the head, and, although he was known to have received £40 from his employers shortly before, there was no money on him and his pockets were turned inside out.

ITS QUALITY
THAT COUNTS

£1,000 For Hospital.

In recognition of the great services rendered by the medical and nursing staffs to the victims of the Sevenoaks railway disaster, Sir Charles Wakefield, who was a passenger in the train, has subscribed £1,000 to the funds of the Sevenoaks and Holmesdale Hospital.

Oxford University is said to have been founded by King Alfred the Great in 872.

The saying that "a cat has nine lives" is generally supposed to have originated from the old myth that Pasht, the cat-headed goddess of Egypt, had nine lives.

Statistics published by the Commonwealth statistician show that the population of Australia is more than 6,000,000 persons, as compared with 2,250,000 in 1881.

Premier Mussolini received Arthur Sapp, president, and O. R. Perry, general secretary, of Rotary International on September 26. The director showed interest in Rotary's world-wide work.

Roman Relics.

Among Roman relics discovered at Whitherley, South Leicestershire, during excavations in connection with a motor parking site were over one hundred fragments of pottery. Other articles unearthed include bronze signet rings, a hair-pin, safety pin and coins.

A Tokyo cable of September 25 says:—Viscount Saito arrives here on Monday and it is understood that he is re-assuming the Governor-Generalship of Korea immediately.

At Battle Creek, Michigan, a doctor of a sanitarium has announced that fear is the cause of seasickness. Fear, he believes, is the cause of most gastric and intestinal disturbances, and the best way to prevent seasickness is suggestion.

Abyssinians are to be educated to drinking German lager beer. A company has been formed in Berlin with 675,000 marks—partly Abyssinian capital—to erect a brewery in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital. It is expected that lager beer will be on sale there next year.

Two wedding receptions were being held in a fashionable hotel in London at the same hour. Since the guests kept getting into the wrong receptions, the two affairs were merged. A late guest, refusing a glass of champagne, said: "I know when I've had enough; I've seen two brides already."

Not far from Hyde Park Corner, London, the Japanese Lillium speciosum has displaced a remarkable display of the white trumpet or "gun" lily, as the Japanese call it. longiflorum, from the inordinate length of the tube. Tiger lilies, also from Japan, are pushing up their heads among the beds of rhododendrons near the Row, and if the weather relents should soon be in brilliant flower. This happy use of Japanese lilies in the heart of London is an example, says "The Times," of what can be done when courage, imagination, and sound knowledge are allied to good staff work.

Baronet Rescued.

While sailing on the lake on his estate at Glaslough, County Monaghan, Sir John Leslie, Bt., and two companions, Captain Vivyan Holland and Mr. Jackson Palmer, were capsized and in danger of drowning. Miss Anita Leslie, granddaughter of Sir John Leslie, put out in a rowing boat to the rescue and the three men were brought safely to shore. They were much exhausted, but soon recovered.

King Albert of the Belgians is the only king who is a Rotarian.

Mrs. Sophia Bird, of Loughborough was 104 on September 4.

Silk is the cheapest of all fabrics in Madagascar and women of all ranks wear it.

Mark Axe, Crimea, an Indian Mutiny veteran, died at Montacute, Somerset, aged 94.

At a cost of £20,000, a twenty-acre site near the Goldstone Ground, Hove, has been bought by a syndicate for greyhound racing.

Cadets' Cruise.

Cadets of the Scarborough Sea Training School returned on September 8 from an interesting and instructive cruise in the schooner "Maise Graham." Under the command of the principal of the school, the cadets left Scarborough on July 28, and since then have covered nearly 1,250 miles, visiting Cowes, Calais, Brussels, Antwerp, Flushing, and other ports. Even in the worst of weather, it is stated, the boys worked well, and wherever they went they received a cordial welcome.

While fighting a stack fire on Boxed Hall estate, near Colchester, Nayland Fire Brigade saw nine stacks in another part of the estate a mile away burst into flames. The firemen dashed to the second fire, but all eleven stacks were destroyed.

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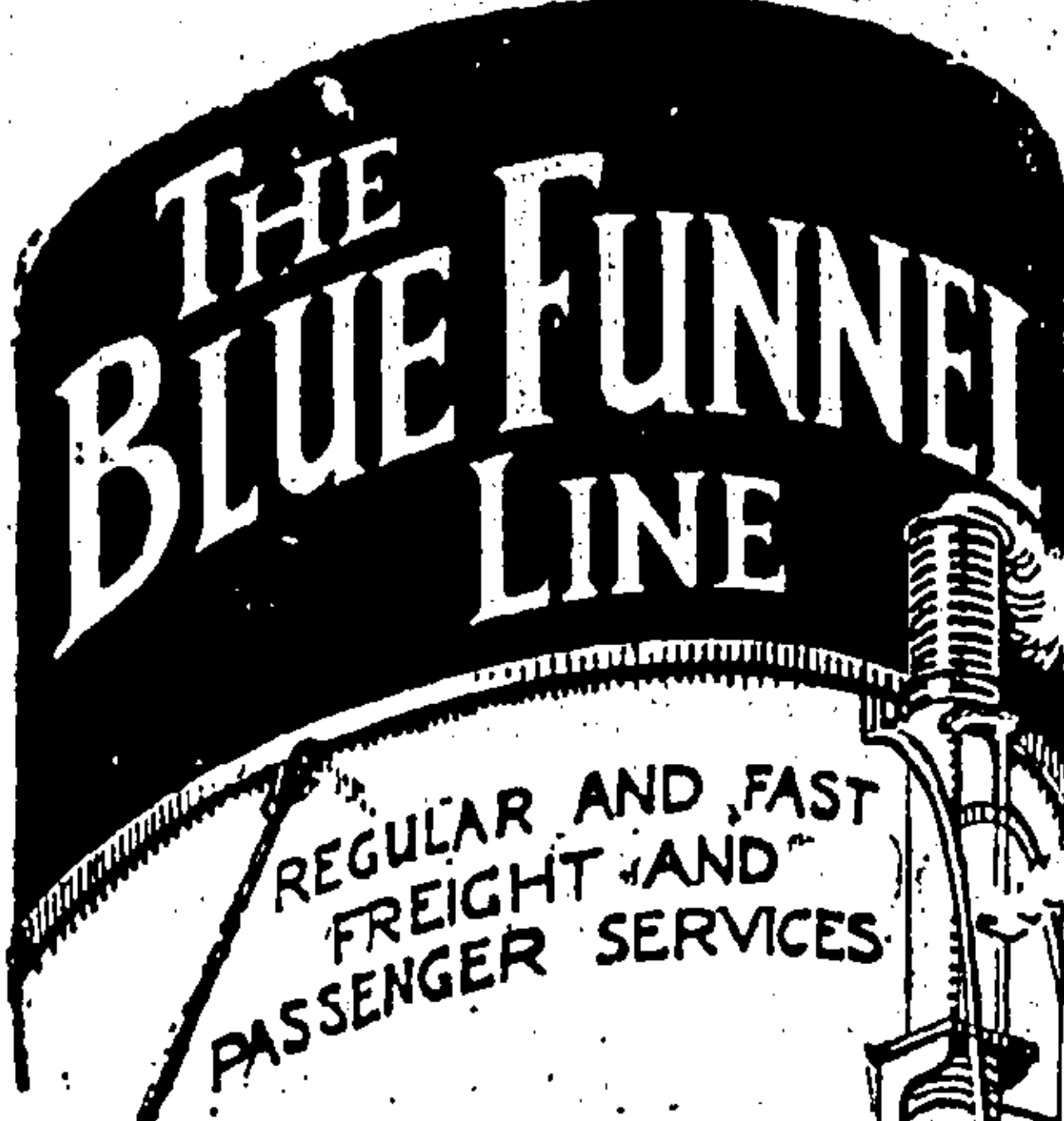
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From	SATURDAY, OCTOBER	Per
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia.....	8	Atsuta Maru.
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*Swatow & Bangkok.....	9 a.m.	Kalgan.
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Bangkok.....	Noon	Haidis.
Manila.....	Noon	Fres. Wilson.
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Holhow, Pakhoi & Haliphong.....	8.30 a.m.	Taiwa Maru.
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SHOT TO DEATH.

Gruesome Sight In A Street.

A REBEL'S END.

Ex-President's Brother In Bitter Fight.

Nogales, Yesterday.
The gruesome spectacle of the dead body of Alfonso Dela Huerta, brother of the ex-President, publicly exposed in the street marks the end of a chequered career full of hairbreadth escapes from foes. He recently crossed the frontier but was kidnapped, taken back and condemned to be shot, but escaped when the officer in charge of the firing party recognised him as a former superior officer and joined him instead of giving the order to fire.

A band of 100 Federals was subsequently sent out to hunt Dela Huerta, who with a companion, General Medina, gave them a fight. Riddled with bullets the bodies were brought back.

Los Angeles, Yesterday.
The report of the execution of Gomez is disbelieved by the latter's wife, who remarked "you may depend upon it that Gomez is very much alive."

NATIONAL DAY.

ANNIVERSARY OF CHINESE REVOLUTION.

HONG KONG OBSERVANCES.

Monday is China's National Day—the 16th anniversary of the outbreak of the Revolution which paved the way to the Republic.
Chinese in Hong Kong will be able to take advantage of the statute bank holiday on Monday. Elsewhere in China the day is observed regularly as a public holiday.

As the Chinese Maritime Customs will be closed, the river boats will not work cargo. The Chinese Seamen's Union in Canton has asked the compradore departments of river steamboats for contributions towards their celebrations.

None in Peking?

Observances in Canton will be under Government organisation. News from the North is that the annual ceremonies at Peking, when the Ministers of the Powers call on the chief executive, are to be put off owing to the outbreak of war between the government and Shansi province.

Schools, the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and other local institutions are to take part in private or semi-private observations on Monday.

SIR PAUL CHATER.

STATUE PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

SUGGESTED SITES.

The proposal to erect a memorial statue to Sir Paul Chater has been under consideration for some considerable time and it is learnt that the matter is in the hands of a Committee composed of prominent European and Chinese residents, the Chairman being the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

Various sites have been suggested, one proposed situation being Statue Square between the Supreme Court and Prince's Building facing the City Hall and on the opposite grass plot to the statue of Sir Thomas Jackson. Another suggestion is that the statue should be situated further down towards the Praya and should face Prince's Building where most of Sir Paul Chater's work was done. Other sites are also under consideration. The matter, it is understood, has been referred to the Government for consideration of the site question.

A fund for public subscription will be opened at a later date.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The meteorological information issued from the Observatory this morning is as follows:
The anti-cyclone is moving eastward into the Pacific. The typhoon is shown as a depression over Indo-China.

Forecast: Formosa, China, Light variable winds; Hong Kong and adjacent coast, East wind moderate; Malacca showery.

CANTON AUTONOMY.

Li Takes Over Political Department.

NANKING IGNORED.

Other Army Commanders Want To Return.

As part of the scheme of general reorganisation in the Canton Government, the central political department has now been taken over by military headquarters of General Li Chai-sum, the commander-in-chief.

General Chang Fah-hui (who commands the Ironsides), has issued a circular telegram in support of practical autonomy for Kwangtung province. The new Nationalist Government at Nanking (appointed by the delegates in extraordinary conference) is disacknowledged. Support is promised for the fourth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, which should have been held at Nanking but was called off at the last moment.

Hints have been thrown out that Canton may yet have to provide for a good many old campaigners, other than the Ironsides.

\$1,000,000 Request.

General Li Tsung-jen (7th Army) and General Pei Chung-hsi, who are both reckoned as on the Nanking side of the Nationalist Party, are reported to have asked General Li Chai-sum of Canton for \$1,000,000 with which they can bring their respective armies back to Kwangtung.

Li Chai-sum (and his supporter, the chief of the Ironsides), General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi, Li Tsung-jen, and Pei Chung-hsi are natives of Kwangsi. There has been talk of a "new Kwangsi clique" to control the south but well informed opinion in Canton does not think that Li Chai-sum will welcome the return of any troops from Nanking.

Financial Stringency.

Nominated by General Chang Fah-hui, who is now taking an active part in the Canton Government, a new Finance Minister is to assume office shortly.

Financial stringency is again apparent in Canton business circles. In connection with trade it is interesting to note that a commercial organisation composed of delegates from both Kwangtung and Kwangsi has been proposed, the object being to assist merchants.

Police Propaganda.

Canton's Police Commissioner is devoting much attention to the value of propaganda. Rules have been issued for the establishment of machinery in the department whereby the Police will undertake Government propaganda in minute detail. Care will also be taken of non-Government propaganda and publications, so that "reactionary" movements can be checked.

A Canton brigade commander has been ordered to lead 2,000 men from Swatow northwards to the provincial boundary with Fukien to harass the Communist army which is retiring thither under General Ho Lung.

Reinforcements for Swatow and the Han River area have arrived at Swatow in the shape of a division transferred from the East River.

JAPANESE DISASTER.

NAVAL COURT ISSUES FINDING.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Concerning the naval disaster on the night of August 24 last, Admiral Takarabe, chief of the naval enquiry committee, states that investigation proved no defect in the method of fighting and no degeneration in the fighting spirit of the participants. The disaster is considered virtually as unavoidable, as more than 40 warships were steaming at full speed with lights out at the time of the disaster.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate for the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11 11/16.

GERMAN LOANS.

Dispute Over Foreign Borrowings.

THREAT TO RESIGN.

Negotiations With American Groups Proceeding.

Berlin, Yesterday.
A clash has occurred over the respective policies of Herr Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, who insists on checking the flow of capital to Germany, and Herr Curtius, Minister of Economics, who favours borrowing abroad for productive purposes.

Herr Curtius is reported to have threatened to resign if Herr Schacht's viewpoint prevails.

In the meantime the Commerz Privat Bank is negotiating with an American financial group for a long term twenty-five million dollar loan.

Cabinet Approves.

The Cabinet to-day unanimously decided that long term loans from abroad were essential and proposed to appoint a special body to consider applicants and to raise such loans.—Reuter.

SIGNING CHITS.

OWNER BROUGHT INTO COURT.

PERSUADED TO SIGN.

Claiming that the No. 1 Boy had persuaded him to sign chits after he had been paying cash for some time, Frank W. White disputed the action brought by the 'Exchange Buffet' in the British Supreme Court, Shanghai, before His Honour Judge Peter Grain. Neither the plaintiff nor the defendant was represented by counsel.

The claim was for goods sold to the amount of \$94.70 by the plaintiff to the defendant in substitution of which chits signed by the defendant were produced in Court.

A Chinese accountant represented the plaintiff and gave evidence to the effect that the plaintiff had obtained goods in the nature of wine, spirits and liquors from the 'Exchange Buffet' and in spite of demands for payment the amount named in the summons was still outstanding. A letter had been written to the defendant by Cameron Potter and Co. and the defendant stated that he would pay half of the amount in three weeks.

The defendant, addressing His Honour, stated that the witness had nothing to do with the plaintiff. He said that the summons and claim was for money owing during the months of June and July and the witness was claiming for the months of June, July and August.

No Credit Allowed.

Defendant (to witness): What are these chits for?

Witness: For goods supplied.

Defendant: What were the goods supplied? wines, spirits and liquors?

Witness: Yes.

Defendant: Isn't there a sign in the 'Exchange Buffet' stating that no credit is allowed?

Witness: Yes.

Defendant: Isn't there also a sign saying that no gratuities are to be given to the boys?

Witness: I don't know.

Defendant: Isn't there a sign stating that no cumsins is to be given to the boys?

Witness: No.

In answer to further questions the witness stated that he represented the plaintiff and that other members of the firm Messrs. Frewin and Isaacs told him to come to Court.

Admits Chits.

The defendant then elected to give evidence and said that, on September 2 he met Mr. Frewin and requested that a shroff be sent around to collect some of the money owing. He had never refused to pay the amount, and did not know why he was brought to Court. He used to pay cash at the 'Exchange Buffet' but the No. 1 Boy persuaded him to sign chits saying "You belong all right, Mr. White. For the money he owed he had received wines, spirits and liquors and not goods."

The defendant was then shown the chits and said "They seem to be mine."

His Honour said that the witness for the plaintiff had established his right to represent the plaintiff by the possession of the chits and his statements in Court. The claim was for goods sold during the months of June and July and not for the months of August and September 1927.

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